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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 187.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1966.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Johnson presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government will reverse its decision to send conscripts to serve beyond the Commonwealth and its Territories.
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1965-66.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Eighty-fourth Report—Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year 1965-66—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved,
That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past nine o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTINGS OF HOUSE.—Mr. Buchanan (Chairman) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1965*, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during the sittings of the House of Representatives on Friday, the 14th October, 1966.
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES.—Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. TELECASTS BY MEMBERS REGARDING VIETNAM—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.—Mr. Mackay, by leave, made a statement with respect to a question without notice which he had asked yesterday concerning statements made by Mr. Whitlam on television in connexion with Vietnam.
Mr. Whitlam, by leave, made a statement with regard to the same matter and the attitude of Ministers in relation to their participation in television discussions of the situation in Vietnam.
Mr. Hughes asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matters.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Mr. J. M. Fraser (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a statement in connexion with Mr. Whitlam's remarks concerning Ministers' participation in television discussions.
10. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1966.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926-1965*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Adermann moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. DEFENCE (PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES) BILL 1966.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act making provision in relation to the Termination of Service in the Regular Army Supplement of National Service Officers and National Servicemen who desire to become Candidates for election as Senators or as Members of the House of Representatives, and to related matters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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12. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1966-67.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$17,765,000—	} \$875,474,000
Department of the Navy, \$193,673,000—	
Department of the Army, \$328,498,000—	
Department of Air, \$253,739,000—	
Department of Supply, \$78,052,000—	
General Services, \$3,747,000—	

Less amount of \$300,000,000 chargeable to Loan Fund—\$575,474,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

13. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1965* in relation to Orphans' Pensions and in relation to Members of the Police Force of the Australian Capital Territory.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1965*, the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1959-1965* and the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act (No. 2) 1965* in relation to Orphans' Pensions.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948-1965* in relation to Orphan's Pensions and to amend that Act and the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1964-1965* in relation to Decimal Currency.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 321, dated 13th October, 1966, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Public Service Act 1922-1964'".

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1966-67.—The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$302,680,000—debated.

Mr. Jones rising to address the committee—

Closure.—Mr. Kelly moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Broadcasting and Television Services, \$43,747,000—debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 2, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

19. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1966-67.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past nine o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 13th October, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (4).
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1965-66.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Clark, Mr. Collard, Mr. Connor, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Cross, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. O'Connor*, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.