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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 191.

THURSDAY, 20TH 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of himself, Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) and Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Defence), Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister, Senator Gorton (Minister for Works) would act as Minister for External Affairs and Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Defence.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
Eighty-seventh Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1965-66—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Buchanan (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—  
Report relating to the proposed erection of a migrant hostel at Springvale, Victoria—  
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. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES.—Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION BILL 1966.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Act 1964*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Adermann 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.
9. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1966.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Papua and New Guinea Act 1949-1964*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Barnes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
10. STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 1966.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Advanced Education.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Snedden 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.
11. GRIEVANCE DEBATE.—Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for debate.*—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of the question, That grievances be noted, being continued until five minutes to three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.  
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

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12. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1966.—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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 214, dated 14th October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
13. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 16 (1966).—Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 16 (1966).  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
14. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports—  
Candles, &c.  
Footwear.  
Vanillin and Ethyl Vanillin.  
Severally ordered to be printed.
15. MAINTENANCE ORDERS (COMMONWEALTH OFFICERS) BILL 1966.—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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
16. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL 1966.—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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
17. EXTENSIONS TO REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, CONCORD, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—  
Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1965*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Extensions to Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, New South Wales.  
Question—put and passed.
18. NEW KITCHEN AT REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—  
Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1965*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Proposed new kitchen at Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria.  
Question—put and passed.
19. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
20th October, 1966—Message—  
No. 322—Appropriation (No. 1) 1966–67 (*without requests*).  
No. 323—Appropriation (No. 2) 1966–67.  
No. 324—Air Navigation (Charges) 1966.
20. EXTRADITION (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES) BILL 1966.—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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.  
Clause 3 postponed until after clause 31.  
Clauses 4 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.  
Clause 10 postponed until after clause 31.  
Clauses 11 to 15, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:—

“ 15A. If a Magistrate before whom a person is brought in pursuance of the last preceding section, or a court to which the person has applied for a writ of *habeas corpus*, is satisfied that, by reason of—

Power of  
Magistrate or  
court to release,  
or postpone  
surrender of,  
person.

- (a) the trivial nature of the offence that the person is alleged to have committed or has committed;
- (b) the accusation against the person not having been made in good faith or in the interests of justice; or
- (c) the passage of time since the offence is alleged to have been committed or was committed, and having regard to the circumstances under which the offence is alleged to have been committed or was committed, it would be unjust, oppressive or too severe a punishment to surrender the person to a declared Commonwealth country, or to surrender him before the expiration of a particular period, the Magistrate or court may—
- (d) order that the person be released;
- (e) order that the person be surrendered after the expiration of a period specified in the order and order his release on bail until the expiration of that period; or
- (f) make such other order as he or it thinks just.”

Clauses 16 to 26, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 27—

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, the following amendment was made:—Page 15, lines 40 and 41, omit “ under sub-section (5.) or sub-section (6.) of section 25 of this Act ”, insert “ under sub-section (6.) of section 25 of this Act or under the last preceding section ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 28 and 29, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Part IV (clauses 30 and 31) considered as a whole, by leave.

Part omitted, after debate.

Postponed clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, the following amendment was made:—Page 2, line 6, omit “ Part IV.— Extradition for Political Offences (Sections 30–31).”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, the following amendment was made:—Page 5, line 7, omit “ Subject to Part V., a ”, insert “ A ”.

On the motion of Mr. Killen, the following further amendment was made:—Page 5, after sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“ (1A.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, an offence against the law of a declared Commonwealth country may be regarded as being an offence of a political character notwithstanding that there are not competing political parties in that country.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 32 agreed to.

Clause 33—

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, the following amendment was made:—Page 17, line 38, after “ sections ” insert “ 15A.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) BILL 1966.—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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(*In the committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made:—

Clause 4, page 3, after sub-clause (3.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“ (3A.) For the purposes of this Act, an offence against the law of a foreign state may be regarded as being an offence of a political character notwithstanding that there are not competing political parties in that State.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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22. **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1966.**—Mr. Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry Act 1956–1965* in relation to Long Service Leave for Waterside Workers, and in relation to Decimal Currency.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Bury moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
23. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.**—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
20th October, 1966—Message No. 325—Loan (No. 2) 1966.
24. **CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1966.**—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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
25. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past nine o'clock a.m.

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**PAPER.**—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 20th October, 1966, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Treaty—Text of Customs Convention on Containers, signed 18th May, 1956.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Clark, Mr. Collard, Mr. Connor, Mr. Davis, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. O'Connor\*, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Webb.

\* On leave.

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