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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1963.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. GREY ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ, on Tuesday, the 16th April, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Grey, in the State of South Australia, in the place of Edgar Hughes Deg Russell, Esquire, deceased. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Friday, 3rd May, 1963.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 1st June, 1963.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Friday, 5th July, 1963.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Killen presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date.
Petition received.
Petitions from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the Government take urgent and immediate action to (1) grant an increase in the pension and allowances of age, invalid and widow pensioners and (2) allocate additional finance for the building of low rental houses and units for pensioners and elderly people were presented by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Fuller.
Petitions severally received.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
5. ABORIGINES OF GOVE PENINSULA, NORTHERN TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER—PRESENTATION OF PAPER.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the welfare of the aborigines of Gove Peninsula, Northern Territory, following the grant of mining leases over bauxite deposits in this area, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Welfare of the Aborigines of Gove Peninsula, Northern Territory—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
Mr. Hasluck then presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons for revocation of part of the Arnhem Land Aboriginal Reserve.
6. TELEVISION—COMMERCIAL LICENCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the extension of commercial television services in city and country areas and informed the House of the applicants who would be granted the additional licence for the Sydney area and for the Melbourne area. Mr. Davidson then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
Television—
Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Report and Recommendations to the Postmaster-General on Applications for a Licence for a Commercial Television Station in the Sydney Area and in the Melbourne Area.
Commercial Licences—Ministerial Statement, 9th April, 1963—
and moved, That the Papers be printed.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Howson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—International Labour Conference—Forty-sixth Session, Geneva, June, 1962—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of Health purposes—Torrens Island, South Australia.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Attorney-General's Department—G. V. Arthur, L. C. Johns.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the lengthening and strengthening of the runway and development of taxiways and hardstanding area at Launceston Airport.
Ordered to be printed.
9. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—FINANCE FOR HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. A. D. Fraser had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Menzies Government to provide finance for hospital maintenance on the basis established by the Chifley Government".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Fraser addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
10. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1963.—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 by Mr. Pollard who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House, while not declining to give the Bill a second reading at this time, is of opinion that moneys available for the promotion of wool should, to an appropriate extent, be derived in part from the Australian economy which is so dependent on the wool industry and should not be the responsibility of the wool-growers alone".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. England	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whitton
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Chaney
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 55.

Mr. Armitage	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Gray	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Brien	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. D. J. Cameron	Mr. Einfeld	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Comber	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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11. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS RELATING TO WOOL TAX.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of Bills relating to Wool Tax being read together and a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
12. **WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 1) 1963 AND WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1963.**—The Orders of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of both Bills having been read together—
Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Reynolds rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. England	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Chaney
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Armitage	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Uren
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Gray	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. Monaghan	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Brien	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
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Mr. Comber	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Hayden, Mr. McEwen, Sir Robert Menzies and Mr. Thompson.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.