

1962-63.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 91.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Whitlam 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 and read.
Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Erwin, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Davis and Mr. Benson, and were severally received.
Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from the aboriginal people of Yirrkala praying that (1) the House will appoint a Committee, accompanied by competent interpreters, to hear the views of the people of Yirrkala before permitting the excision of any land from the Aboriginal Reserve in Arnhem Land and (2) no arrangements be entered into with any company which will destroy the livelihood and independence of the Yirrkala people.
Petition received and read.
A similar Petition was presented by Mr. Wentworth, and was received.
Petitions from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) support the United Nations resolution for a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, (2) ensure that foreign bases are not permitted on Australian soil and (3) in response to the call of the United Nations, declare Australia's willingness to enter into an agreement not to manufacture, test, station or acquire nuclear weapons were presented by Mr. Cleaver and Mr. Snedden.
Petitions Severally received.
Mr. Fulton presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government ease the financial position of age, invalid and widow pensioners by providing (1) a pension rate equivalent to half the basic wage and subject to future basic wage adjustments and (2) an allocation of additional finance to enable the State Housing Commission to build low rental houses and units for pensioners and elderly people.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Beaton, Mr. Crean, Mr. Peters and Mr. Lindsay, and were severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Office of Education—Report for 1962.
Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1962.
Northern Territory—Report for year 1960-61.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1962.
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for period 1st January, 1962, to 31st January, 1963.
Tobacco Industry Act—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1962-63.
Wheat Research Act—Fifth Annual Report, for 1962.
5. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1962-63—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Paper:—
Statement for the year 1962-63 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1962 (Advance to the Treasurer).
Ordered—That the Statement be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House at the next sitting.

14th August, 1963.

6. ABORIGINAL WELFARE CONFERENCE—REPORTS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers on Aboriginal Welfare held in Darwin, July, 1963, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Papers:—
 Aboriginal Welfare—Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers held in Darwin, July, 1963—
 Statement of Policy;
 Resolutions of the Conference;
 Ministerial Statement, 14th August, 1963—
 and moved, That the House take note of the Papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Howson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH LIABILITY) BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Damages by the Commonwealth and Authorities of the Commonwealth in respect of the Death of, or Personal Injury to, certain persons travelling as Passengers in Aircraft.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Holt 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.
8. CRIMES (AIRCRAFT) BILL 1963.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision with respect to Crimes committed on board certain Aircraft, and for other purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Sir Garfield Barwick 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.
9. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1963.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of a sum not exceeding Four million two hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.
 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.
10. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL 1963—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendments made by the Senate.

(In the Committee.)

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 3, line 11, after “(b)” insert “except in Part IV.”.

No. 2.—Page 9, clause 11, lines 1 and 2, leave out “A person against whom an order of committal is made under the last preceding section”, insert “Where any person is aggrieved by any order or by the exercise of any power under the last preceding section, such person”.

On the motion of Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Garfield Barwick, the House adopted the Report.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 79 TO 84 AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) PROPOSALS NOS. 16 AND 17.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84; and

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals Nos. 16 and 17.

Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

14th August, 1963.

12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports—

Carpenters' planes.

Drafting machines.

Dried figs.

G. M. C. Motor coaches.

Iron and steel chain.

Narrow woven fabrics.

Penicillins and streptomycin.

Phthalic anhydride.

Pins.

Screens and sieves for ore processing machines.

Towels, towelling, &c. and interim report under the general textile reference on towels, towelling, &c.

Vinyl chloride polymers and copolymers (including copies of correspondence between the Minister for Trade and the Chairman of the Board).

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Reports—

Plastic coated fibre-glass yarn.

Processed (thrown) polyamide and polyester yarns.

Severally ordered to be printed.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF BILLS.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent four Customs Tariff Bills and an Excise Tariff Bill—

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the Committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and

(b) the consideration of the Bills in one Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NO. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) (NO. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) (NO. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE) AND EXCISE TARIFF BILLS 1963.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented the following Bills:—

A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1960–1962*, as amended by the *Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1963*;A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1962*, as amended by the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 1) 1963*;A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) 1960–1962*; and

A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.

Bills read a first time.

Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1963—

First Schedule debated and agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule—

Ordered to be considered by items.

Item 178 debated and agreed to.

Items 310, 324 and 334, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Item 335 debated and agreed to.

Remaining items, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

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

Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) Bill (No. 2) 1963, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill (No. 2) 1963, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) Bill 1963, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Excise Tariff Bill 1963, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

14th August, 1963.

15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILLS.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent two Customs Tariff Bills—

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the Committee's report stage, and the third readings, of the Bills together, and

(b) the consideration of the Bills in one Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

16. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NO. 3) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) (NO. 3) BILLS 1963.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented the following Bills:—

A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs; and

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* 1933–1962, as amended by the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* (No. 1) 1963 and by the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* (No. 2) 1963.

Bills read a first time.

Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Customs Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1963—

First Schedule debated and agreed to.

Second Schedule 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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 14th August, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Customs Tariff—Orders—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Clay, Mr. Kearney and Mr. Nixon.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.