

1962-63.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1963.

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. Lindsay 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.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1962-63.
Social Services Act—Twenty-second Annual Report of Director-General of Social Services, for year 1962-63.
5. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the 1957 Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan and the amendment of the Agreement signed on the 5th August, 1963.
6. SELECT COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES OF YIRRKALA ABORIGINES, ARNHAM LAND RESERVE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Members as members of the Select Committee on Grievances of Yirrkala Aborigines, Arnhem Land Reserve:—
Mr. Barnes, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Dean and Mr. Kelly had been appointed by the Prime Minister and Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Nelson by the Leader of the Opposition.
Point of Order.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) on a Point of Order referred to Standing Order No. 326 and raised a question as to whether the honorable Member for Wills (Mr. Bryant), who had been nominated to serve on the Committee, was personally interested in the matters to be inquired into by the Committee.
Statement by Speaker.—Mr. Speaker stated that, in his opinion, the Chair was not able to determine whether or not a Member was personally interested in a committee of inquiry and could not properly be called on to so decide. A Member must be guided by his own feelings in the matter and by the dictates of respect due to the House and to himself. Having regard to the existence of the Standing Order and its terms, it was likely that if a matter of this kind were to be brought to issue, it would be one for the House to decide.
Mr. Bryant addressed the House with regard to the matter raised.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. APPROPRIATION BILL 1963-64.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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(In the Committee.)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Prime Minister's Department, £14,360,000—debated.

Mr. Whitlam moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 90.—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 No. 90.

Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

10. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Cotton bed sheeting and pillowcasing.

Ordered to be printed.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1963–64.—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—Prime Minister's Department, £14,360,000—

Debate resumed on the proposed expenditure, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitlam, viz.:—That the amount be reduced by £1.

Mr. Cope rising to address the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

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

NOES, 51.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.

Mr. Armitage	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harding	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
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NOES, 55.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. England	Mr. Holt	Sir J. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McNeill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jess	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Howson
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Ordered—That the following proposed expenditures be now taken, and considered together:—

Department of the Interior, £7,537,000—

Department of Works, £10,182,000—

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. England	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holten	Sir J. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jess	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Howson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Nixon	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 50.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Ordered—That the following proposed expenditures be now taken, and considered together:—

Department of Civil Aviation, £15,537,000—

Department of Shipping and Transport, £12,139,000—

Debate ensued.

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.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

19th September, 1963—*Message No. 166*—Repatriation 1963.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 19th September, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 55—Limitation on Admission to Degrees.

No. 56—Academic and Ceremonial Dress.

No. 57—Academic Progress of Students (School of General Studies),

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Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Hallett Gap, South Australia.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1963—
No. 43—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
No. 48—North Australian Workers' Union.
No. 49—Australian Journalists' Association.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Clay*, Mr. Davidson, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Kearney*, Sir Robert Menzies and Mr. Turner.

* On leave.

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