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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 105.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Johnson 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Holt, Senator Paltridge (Minister for Civil Aviation) would act as Treasurer and would be represented in this House by himself. Sir Robert Menzies also informed the House that during the absence of Mr. Davidson, owing to illness, Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation) would reply to questions addressed to the Postmaster-General.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's report, for year 1962-63.
War Service Homes Act—Report of the Director of War Service Homes, for year 1962-63.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
20th September, 1963—*Message No. 92*—
Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1963.
Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) (No. 2) 1963.
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 2) 1963.
Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) 1963.
Excise Tariff 1963.
Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1963.
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 3) 1963.
Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1963.
Sales Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1963.
7. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL (No. 2) 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. Whitlam who moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" whilst not in any way opposing the passage of the Bill, the House expresses the view that the Government should give effect to the recommendation of the Conference of State Housing Ministers in Melbourne on the 19th March, 1963, that a Committee of Enquiry be established consisting of representatives of the Commonwealth Government and the State Governments to enquire into the anticipated increased housing requirements arising during the next five years ".
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 24th September, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 87.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Darroobalgie, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—C. L. Hermes.
Health—J. H. R. Tremayne.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 86.

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

* On leave.

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