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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 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. RETURN TO WRIT—EAST SYDNEY DIVISION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 13th August for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of East Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable Edward John Ward, and that by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Leonard Thomas Devine had been elected.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Leonard Thomas Devine, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the pension increase of ten shillings proposed in the 1963 Budget be granted to all age, invalid and widow pensioners were presented by Mr. Webb and Mr. Coutts.
Petitions severally received.
Mr. Uren 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.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Thirty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1962-63, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Fifteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, accompanied by the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63.
7. DISABLED PERSONS ACCOMMODATION BILL 1963.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Assistance by the Commonwealth towards the provision of Residential Accommodation for certain Disabled Persons.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Robertson 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.
8. COMMONWEALTH BANKS 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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of Message No. 96, dated 10th September, 1963, 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. Fairhall (Minister for Supply), the Bill was read a third time.

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9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1963-64.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(*In the Committee.*)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

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

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

Debate resumed by Mr. Whitlam who moved, as an amendment, That the proposed expenditures 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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past 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 8th October, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 91.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 90.

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 92.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Commonwealth departmental purposes—Hobart, Tasmania.

Postal purposes—

Broadford, Victoria.

Research, Victoria.

Shipping and Transport purposes—Wedge Island, South Australia.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, Nos. 88, 89.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1963—

No. 50—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 51—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. D. J. Cameron, Mr. Chaney, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Holt, Mr. Kearney* and Mr. Turner.

* On leave.

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