

1962-63.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 112.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. Bryant 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.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1961-62.
5. SELECT COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES OF YIRRKALA ABORIGINES, ARNHAM LAND RESERVE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTINGS OF HOUSE.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) moved, by leave, That the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the grievances of certain Aboriginal people of Yirrkala relating to the excision of land from the Aboriginal Reserve in Arnhem Land, contained in their Petition presented and read to the House on the 28th August, 1963, have power to sit during any sittings of the House.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. BLOWERING WATER STORAGE WORKS AGREEMENT BILL 1963.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC AUTHORITY BILL 1963.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
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.

(In the Committee.)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, £17,642,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000—

Proposed expenditures debated and agreed to.

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

Department of Territories, £664,000—

Northern Territory, £10,119,000—

Australian Capital Territory, £6,364,000—

Norfolk Island, £37,700—

Papua and New Guinea, £25,477,200—

Cocos (Keeling) Islands, £46,000—

Christmas Island, £100—

Proposed expenditures debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, £5,242,000—debated.

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The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure 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.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

16th October, 1963—*Message*—

No. 175—Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection 1963.

No. 176—Wine Overseas Marketing 1963.

No. 177—Disabled Persons Accommodation 1963.

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 16th October, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Euberta, New South Wales.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

National Development—B. A. Tink.

Treasury—G. S. Davidson.

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

No. 54—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 55—Australian Journalists' Association.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 16th October, 1963.

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

* On leave.

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