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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1964.

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. J. F. Cairns 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 asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—
Seventh Annual Report by President, for year ended 13th August, 1963.
Mr. Turner, by leave, presented the following papers:—
Admiralty Chart No. 1079—Tasmania.
Notes prepared by a mariner relating to the charting of Tasmania's coast.
5. PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That the joint select committee known as the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications that was constituted by resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate passed on the 5th December, 1962, be reconstituted under the name of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications with the same membership as the first-mentioned committee had immediately before the dissolution of the House of Representatives on the 1st day of November, 1963, namely:—
 - House of Representatives—
Mr. G. D. Erwin (Chairman), Mr. Johnson, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Wilson.
 - Senate—
Senators Breen, Marriott, Murphy and Toohey.
 - (2) That the function of the Committee be to report to each House of the Parliament on the inquiry undertaken and the work done by the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications appointed in the Twenty-fourth Parliament.
 - (3) That the Chairman of the committee may from time to time appoint another member of the committee to be Deputy Chairman, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
 - (4) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (5) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament.
 - (6) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications appointed during the Twenty-fourth Parliament.
 - (7) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
 - (8) That four members of the committee, including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.

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(9) That, in matters of procedure, the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, when acting as Chairman, have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.

(10) That the committee report to the Parliament not later than 30th April, 1964.

(11) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

(12) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

6. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Drury, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. J. R. Fraser, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Howson, Mr. Killen and Mr. Turnbull be members of the Committee of Privileges; five to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

7. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That, in addition to Mr. Speaker, Mr. Benson, Mr. Faiers, Mr. J. R. Fraser, Mr. Harding, Mr. Mackinnon and Mr. Stokes be members of the House Committee.

Question—put and passed.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Cockle, Mr. G. D. Erwin, Mr. Jones, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Uren be members of the Printing Committee.

Question—put and passed.

9. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946-1960*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz.:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Costa, Mr. G. D. Erwin, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Luchetti and Mr. Turnbull.

Question—put and passed.

10. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.:—Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Cope, Mr. Costa, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Whittorn.

Question—put and passed.

11. NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of New South Wales for the purpose of Flood Mitigation Works in relation to certain Rivers.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt 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.

12. TASMANIA GRANT (GORDON RIVER ROAD) BILL 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania in connexion with the construction of a Road in the Gordon River Area of that State.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt 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.

13. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. J. R. Fraser was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

14. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Woven cotton tape (D.S.A.).

Ordered to be printed.

15. SCIENCE BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the proposal of the Government to provide £5,000,000 annually to assist in providing and equipping science teaching laboratories in secondary schools. Sir Robert Menzies stated that the assistance would be available to all secondary schools, both government and non-government, and that money for the purpose would be included in the 1964-65 Budget, and indicated the procedure which would be followed in determining the basis of distribution to be used during the first year of operation.

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Debate resumed.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) speaking for a period not exceeding 40 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Galvin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 6, dated 5th March, 1964, from the Senate concurring in the resolution of the House relating to the re-constitution of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications, and agreeing that the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to 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 5th March, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Army—W. H. Wilde.

Health—L. Smee.

Housing—J. F. Brom.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Cross, Mr. Downer, Mr. Uren and Mr. Wentworth.

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