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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 12TH MAY, 1964.

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. ANGAS AND PARRAMATTA BY-ELECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that on the 8th May he had issued writs in connexion with the by-elections for the Angas and Parramatta Divisions, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 5th May.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. J. R. Fraser presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth engaged in apprenticeship trades in the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Commonwealth Government take no action by any proposal involving dilutee trade training or a lowering of standards in the skilled trades which will adversely affect or prejudice the future of apprentices and the apprenticeship system. Petition received and read.
Petitions from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government immediately grant a basic pension rate of £8 10s. per week, formulate a national housing plan for low rental homes for pensioners and provide all pensioners within the permissible income with the medical entitlement card were presented by Mr. James and Mr. Minogue.
Petitions severally received.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 32, dated 7th May, 1964, from the Senate concurring in the resolution of the House relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory, and agreeing that the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL FUEL POLICY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Luchetti had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Australian Government to formulate and implement a national fuel policy designed to protect our economy and to provide for our defence requirements".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Luchetti addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
7. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1964.—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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Daly, viz.:*—"That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House is of the opinion that the Bill fails to meet the urgent needs of the people of Australia as it does not provide for a full National Health plan embracing adequate medical and hospital services available to all and, particularly, does not (a) extend medical services to all persons, (b) ensure free hospitalization in public wards, (c) abolish the five shillings prescription fee, and (d) end the exploitation of the Australian people by drug manufacturers"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Reynolds 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.

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8. HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1964.—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.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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 12th May, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 54.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 56.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 52.

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Carriage of explosives by road to Darwin.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post and telegraph purposes—Doncaster, Victoria.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 57.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 51.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—A. J. Campbell, G. R. Dew, S. C. D. N. Francis, J. R. Grocock, P. P.

Maggs, J. McTaggart, B. A. Monaghan, W. G. V. Phillips, J. O. Potter, D. M.

Rappitt, D. M. Spragg, P. R. Stride.

Prime Minister—R. A. Baker.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 53.

Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1962–63.

War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 55.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Benson, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fox, Mr. J. M. Fraser and Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.