

1964.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Webb 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.

Mr. Harrison 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.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr. Duthie, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Birrell, and were severally received.

3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Reid (Mr. Uren) for disorderly conduct.

Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Reid be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64.

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Gibson | Mr. King | Mr. Robinson |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Cramer | Mr. Hallett | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Shaw |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Davis | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Dean | Mr. Haworth | Mr. Mackay | Mr. Snedden |
| Mr. Barnes | Mr. Drury | Mr. Holt | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Stokes |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. England | Mr. Holten | Mr. Maisey | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Bosman | Mr. G. D. Erwin | Mr. Hughes | Mr. McEwen | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Failes | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. L. H. Irwin | Sir Robert Menzies | Mr. Whittorn |
| Mr. Bury | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Jack | Mr. Nixon | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. K. M. K. Cairns | Mr. Forbes | Mr. Jess | Mr. Opperman | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Kelly | Mr. Pettitt | Mr. Howson |
| Mr. Chipp | Mr. Gibbs | Mr. Killen | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Turnbull |

NOES, 43.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Cope | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Sexton |
| Mr. Beaton | Mr. Costa | Mr. Gray | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Crean | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Mortimer | Mr. Uren |
| Mr. Birrell | Mr. Cross | Mr. Hansen | Mr. Nicholls | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Harding | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Daly | Mr. Harrison | Mr. Peters | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Davies | Mr. James | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Coutts |
| Mr. Collard | Mr. Devine | Mr. Johnson | Mr. Reynolds | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. Connor | Mr. Fulton | Mr. Jones | Mr. Riordan | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at ten minutes past eleven o'clock a.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE.—Mr. Killen withdrew the notice standing in his name under general business.

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5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ABORIGINES) BILL 1964.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to alter paragraph (xxvi.) of section fifty-one and repeal section one hundred and twenty-seven of the Constitution.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Calwell moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.
Debate continued.
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr. Beazley was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUSPENDED MEMBER—RE-ADMISSION TO HOUSE.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. J. F. Cairns), on making an acceptable apology to Mr. Speaker, returning to the House.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Cairns returned to the House and tendered an apology which was accepted by Mr. Speaker.
7. STATEMENT BY MINISTER.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), by leave, made a statement informing the House that, following inquiries, he had ascertained that an earlier statement which he had made in the House with respect to the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. J. F. Cairns) was not accurate.
Mr. Whitlam asked leave to make a statement in connexion with the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUSPENDED MEMBER—RE-ADMISSION TO HOUSE.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honorable Member for Reid (Mr. Uren), on making an acceptable apology to Mr. Speaker, returning to the House.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Uren returned to the House and tendered an apology which was accepted by Mr. Speaker.
9. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Taxation of the Incomes of certain Prospecting and Mining Companies and of Shareholders in those Companies.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
10. REGIONAL LABORATORY FOR COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, SHENTON PARK, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1960, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Construction of a Regional Laboratory for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Shenton Park, Western Australia.
Question—put and passed.
11. 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. Curtin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
12. STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNICAL TRAINING) 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 by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill is an inadequate contribution to science education and to education generally in Australia because it—
 - (1) fails to provide for an inquiry into all aspects of education, at all levels, as requested on several occasions by States Premiers;
 - (2) fails to meet the crisis in education by making an emergency grant of at least £10 million to the States;
 - (3) fails to assist parents of all children at all schools to bear the burden of education from primary to tertiary levels by instituting a system of Commonwealth scholarships for all students capable of receiving an education, such scholarships to be tenable at the schools of the parents' choice;
 - (4) fails to attack the problem of science education by ignoring the question of teacher training, and the need for the establishment of a national science foundation to co-ordinate scientific training, teaching and research; and

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- (5) fails to recognize that all pupils are entitled to be educated to the fullest extent of their abilities on the principle of aid to the scholar without discrimination”.

Debate continued.

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 42, dated 14th May, 1964, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

14th May, 1964—Message No. 41—Commonwealth Aid Roads 1964.

15. STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNICAL TRAINING) 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. Calwell, viz.:—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill is an inadequate contribution to science education and to education generally in Australia because it—*

- (1) fails to provide for an inquiry into all aspects of education, at all levels, as requested on several occasions by States Premiers;
- (2) fails to meet the crisis in education by making an emergency grant of at least £10 million to the States;
- (3) fails to assist parents of all children at all schools to bear the burden of education from primary to tertiary levels by instituting a system of Commonwealth scholarships for all students capable of receiving an education, such scholarships to be tenable at the schools of the parents’ choice;
- (4) fails to attack the problem of science education by ignoring the question of teacher training, and the need for the establishment of a national science foundation to co-ordinate scientific training, teaching and research; and
- (5) fails to recognize that all pupils are entitled to be educated to the fullest extent of their abilities on the principle of aid to the scholar without discrimination”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. K. M. K. Cairns 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.

16. ACADEMIC SALARIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to academic salaries.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—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 Bill:—

13th May, 1964—Message No. 24—States Grants (Mental Health Institutions) 1964.

18. STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNICAL TRAINING) 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. Calwell, viz.:—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill is an inadequate contribution to science education and to education generally in Australia because it—*

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- (4) fails to attack the problem of science education by ignoring the question of teacher training, and the need for the establishment of a national science foundation to co-ordinate scientific training, teaching and research; and
- (5) fails to recognize that all pupils are entitled to be educated to the fullest extent of their abilities on the principle of aid to the scholar without discrimination”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Barnes—Minister for Territories), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

14th May, 1964—Message—

No. 43—Appropriation (No. 2) 1963–64 (*without requests*).

No. 44—Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1963–64.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past 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 14th May, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 134.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1964—

No. 5—Hire-purchase.

No. 6—Theatres and Public Halls.

Regulations—1964—No. 1 (Education Ordinance).

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, Mr. Hayden, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr. Minogue.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.