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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1964.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Cross presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government (1) instruct its representative at the United Nations to condemn the French Government's proposals to test nuclear weapons in the Pacific, (2) again protest directly to the French Government with a view to cancellation of the tests and (3) use all appropriate means at its disposal to obtain an extension to the treaty to cover underground tests.
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Fishing Industry Act—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1963–64.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES.—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) and Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) each speaking without limitation of time on the motion to take note of the ministerial statement on Incidents in the Gulf of Tonkin.
Question—put and passed.
7. INCIDENTS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 11th August*), viz.:—
Incidents in the Gulf of Tonkin—Ministerial statement, 11th August, 1964—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1964.

Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 13th August, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1964—
No. 71—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.
No. 72—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
Nos. 73, 74 and 75—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 76—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Costa, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. King, and Sir John McLeay.

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