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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 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. ROBERTSON ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ, on Monday, the 26th October, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Robertson, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of Mr. Roger Levinge Dean, resigned. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of nomination	Monday, 9th November, 1964.
Date of polling	Saturday, 5th December, 1964.
Date of return of writ	On or before Saturday, 23rd January, 1965.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Hasluck, Senator Gorton (Minister for Works) would act as Minister for External Affairs and, in this House, he would deal with matters ordinarily the concern of Mr. Hasluck.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
 - Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Report by Auditor-General on books and accounts of Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund, for year 1963–64.
 - Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Sixteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, accompanied by the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1963–64.
6. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement in regard to an agreement between Australia and a number of other countries for the establishment of an internationally owned and operated communication satellite system, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:—
 - Satellite Communications—
 - Agreement establishing interim arrangements for a global commercial communications satellite system.
 - Special agreement in relation to establishing interim arrangements for a global commercial communications satellite system.
7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WOOL RESERVE PRICE AUCTION SCHEME.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Pollard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government, three months after receiving the Australian Wool Board's recommendations, to formulate proposals for a wool reserve price auction scheme for submission to woolgrowers for their acceptance or rejection at a growers' poll".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Pollard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ACCOMMODATION BLOCKS AT H.M.A.S. CERBERUS, VICTORIA.—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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Erection of four accommodation blocks for ratings at H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, Victoria.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.

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9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—R.A.A.F. ACADEMY AT POINT COOK, VICTORIA.—
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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Construction of the R.A.A.F. Academy at Point Cook, Victoria.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
10. APPROPRIATION BILL 1964–65.—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, £88,258,000—

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

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Works, £24,622,000—agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, £5,279,000—

Department of the Navy, £69,212,000—

Department of the Army, £94,185,000—

Department of Air, £90,015,000—

Department of Supply, £33,044,000—

General Services, £1,379,000—

together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen 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 20th October, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Air—A. D. Perriment.

Civil Aviation—R. L. Nathan, C. S. I. Wicksteed.

National Development—R. T. Morland.

Works—L. K. Rae.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1964—

No. 102—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 103—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bryant, Mr. Cleaver*, Mr. Coutts*, Mr. Cross, Mr. Davies, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Giles, Mr. Griffiths*, Mr. Hasluck, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lucock*, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Webb* and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.