THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1964.

- 1. The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Questions.—Questions without notice were asked.
- PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
 Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, accompanied by the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1963-64.
- 4. Arbitration Sanctions—Ministerial Statement—Moiton to take note of Paper.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the sanctions provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—

Sanctions Provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Ministerial statement, 11th November, 1964—

and moved, That the House take note of the paper.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5. Universities (Financial Assistance) Bill 1964.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Universities* (Financial Assistance) Act 1963. Bill read a first time.

Sir Robert Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1964.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the States Grants (Universities) Act 1960-1963.

Bill read a first time. Sir Robert Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7. INDUS BASIN DEVELOPMENT FUND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BILL 1964.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Indus Basin Development Fund Supplemental Agreement.

Bill read a first time.

Sir Robert Menzies 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.
- 8. SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT BILL (No. 2) 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices.

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.

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9. Message from the Governor-General—Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1964-65.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 60, dated 11th November, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Salaries of certain Officers of the Public Service of the Commonwealth for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Salaries of certain Officers of the Public Service of the Commonwealth for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

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. Postponement of notice.—Ordered—That notice No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11. Public Works Committee—Reference of Work—Engineering Services to Casuarina Subdivision, Darwin, Northern Territory.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), for 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:—Provision of Engineering Services to Casuarina Subdivision, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Mr. Opperman presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

12. Commonwealth Employees' Compensation 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.

Ordered—That Mr. Whitlam be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Proposed new clauses-

Mr. Cameron moved, by leave, That the following new clauses be inserted in the Bill:-

"2A. Section four of the Principal Act is amended-

Definitions.

- (a) by omitting the definition of 'disease' and inserting in its stead the following definition:—
 - "disease" includes any physical or mental ailment, disorder, defect or morbid condition, whether of sudden or gradual development, or whether at or away from his place of employment, and also includes the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of a preexisting disease as aforesaid:

existing disease as aforesaid;';
(b) by adding to the definition of 'employee' the following paragraphs:—

- (ea) a person who, without remuneration or reward, voluntarily and without obligation engages in activity in connexion with the saving of life or property without the consent of, or under the authority or supervision of any organization formed in a territory of the Commonwealth with the object of saving life or property shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be working under a contract with the Commonwealth; and
- '(eb) a person who in an emergency, without remuneration or reward, voluntarily and without obligation assists in saving or attempting to save life or property and whilst so assisting suffers injury or is killed, shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be working under a contract with the Commonwealth,'; and
- (c) by omitting the definition of 'injury' and inserting in its stead the following definition:—
 - "injury" means any physical or mental injury or disease and includes the aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation, deterioration or reoccurrence of a pre-existing injury or disease and includes disease as defined;"."
- "2B. Section nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section for personal injuries to
 - "2c. Section nine A of the Principal Act is amended—
 - (a) by omitting paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—
 - (b) any place which is necessary for him to attend to obtain any payment by the Commonwealth, or a medical certificate, or to receive

Compensation for personal injuries to employees. Injury while travelling to or from employment, &c, medical treatment, or compensation in respect of a previous injury or at which workers are selected or picked up for work,'; and

- (b) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following subsections:
 - '(2.) Where a worker is proceeding between his place of abode (including place of temporary abode) and a camp or place at which he is required by the terms of his employment or expected by the Commonwealth to reside temporarily, or at which it is reasonably necessary or convenient for him to reside temporarily, for any purpose of his employment, he shall be deemed to be proceeding to or from, as the case may be, his place of employment.
 - (3.) In this section, "proceeding" means proceeding by any reasonable direct or convenient route or mode of transport for the journey but does not include proceeding during or after any substantial deviation from the route made for a reason unconnected with the worker's employment, attendance at the school, or obtaining the payment of wages, medical certificate, medical treatment, pick up or compensation, as the case may be, unless, in the circumstances of any particular case the nature, extent, degree and content of the risk of injury was not materially changed or increased by reason only of any such interruption or deviation.
 - (4.) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or any law where a person under contract is required to provide or habitually provides in the performance of work for the Commonwealth any vehicle, plant or equipment, such person shall be deemed to be working under a contract with the Commonwealth.'.".

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clauses negatived.

Clause 3—

Mr. Cameron moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:—

"3. Section eleven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:-

11.—(1.) Where a worker sustains personal injury arising out of or in the course benefits. of his employment, the Commonwealth shall, subject to the next succeeding sub-section pay the cost of such medical treatment in relation to the injury.

- (2.) The sum for which the Commonwealth is liable under the last preceding sub-section is such sum as is reasonably appropriate to the medical treatment afforded. having regard to the reasonable necessity for such treatment and the customary charge made in the community for such treatment.
- (3.) Where any compensation is payable by the Commonwealth under this Act to, or in respect of, a worker, any payment under this section shall be in addition to that compensation.
- (4.) Where, for the purpose of medical treatment, in relation to which the preceding sub-sections apply, a worker incurs expenses on account of travelling or living away from home, including the expenses of an attendant where that is reasonably necessary, he shall be reimbursed for such amount of that expense as is reasonable and necessarily incurred."... Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Proposed new clause-

Mr. Cameron moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

- "3A. Section twelve of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:-
- 12.—(1.) Where an injury sustained by a worke: arising out of or in the course of his employment is an injury specified in the first column of the Third Schedule to this Act a lump sum of compensation equal to the percentage of special compensation specified, in relation to that injury, in the second column of that Schedule is, subject to this Act, payable to the worker.

(2.) For the purpose of the last preceding sub-section, special compensation is an amount calculated by multiplying the worker's average weekly earnings (including allowances and overtime) during the twenty-six weeks immediately preceding the date of the injury by two hundred and sixty.

(3.) For the purposes of this section and the Third Schedule of this Act, the permanent loss of the efficient use of a joint, limb or member shall be deemed to be the loss of that joint, limb or member.

(4.) Where before the injury the worker habitually used his left hand and arm to perform his work and that work is usually performed by a person with his right hand and arm, the compensation payable to the worker under this section is-

> (a) for the loss of his left arm or any part of his left arm—the amount prescribed by sub-section (1.) of this section as payable to a worker for a similar loss in respect of his right arm; and

> (b) for the loss of his right arm or any part of his right arm—the amount prescribed by sub-section (1.) of this section as payable to a worker for a similar loss in respect of his left arm.

Compensation

- '(5.) Where an injury sustained by a worker arising out of or in the course of his employment is the partial but permanent loss of speech, eyesight or hearing, or of the use of a faculty, organ, limb, member or joint, a lump sum of compensation equivalent to such percentage of the amount of compensation payable under sub-section (1.) of this section in respect of total loss of a similar nature as is equal to the percentage of the diminution of the efficiency of the faculty, organ or part of the body concerned is, subject to this Act, payable to the worker.
- '(6.) Where an injury sustained by a worker arising out of or in the course of his employment is the partial and incurable loss of his mental powers, or the partial and incurable paralysis of, or damage to, any part of his body not otherwise covered by the preceding provisions of this section, such worker may elect to accept a lump sum of compensation, assessed according to the percentage of the diminution of the worker's full earning capacity in respect of work of the nature of that in which he was employed at the time of the injury, is, subject to this Act, payable to the worker. For the purpose of this sub-section, the value of the worker's full earning capacity shall be assessed as if it were special compensation as provided in this section.

'(7.) Where an injury sustained by a worker arising out of or in the course of his employment is a severe disfigurement, or permanent, partial or total loss of the use of any part of the body, a lump sum of compensation, assessed according to the degree of the severity of the injury, shall, subject to this Act, be payable to the worker.

'(8.) Where a worker sustains more than one injury in relation to which this section applies, he is entitled to payment of a lump sum of compensation equal to the aggregate of each lump sum payable under the preceding provisions of this section in respect of each of those injuries.'.".

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Clause 4—

Mr. Cameron moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:-

"4. Section thirteen of the Principal Act is amended—
(a) by omitting sub-section (1) and inserting in its stead the

Maximum compensation.

- (a) by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—
 - '(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the amount of compensation payable in respect of an injury or injuries caused by any one injury shall not, except as provided by this section, exceed an amount calculated by multiplying the worker's average weekly wage plus allowances and overtime during the twenty-six weeks immediately prior to the date of his injury.'; and
- (b) by inserting in sub-section (2.) after the words 'results in' the words 'or materially contributes to'.".

Question-That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill-put and passed.

Proposed new clauses—

Mr. Cameron moved, by leave, That the following new clauses be inserted in the Bill:-

"4A. Section sixteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word 'accident' (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the word 'injury'.".

"4B. Section seventeen A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-

section (1.) the words 'by accident'.".

"4c. Section twenty of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words 'County Court' and inserting Appeals. in their stead the words 'Industrial Court';

(b) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words 'thirty days' and inserting in their stead the words 'ninety days'; and

(c) by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) the words:-

'After any person affected by any determination of the Commissioner has appealed against the determination, the Commissioner shall not without the consent of the person affected, alter, amend or revoke the determination.'".

Proposed new clauses negatived.

Clause 5—

Mr. Cameron moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:—

"5. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting paragraph (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:

(1.) The amount of compensation shall be—

(a) where the death of the employee results from or is materially contributed to by the injury—

> (i) if the employee leaves any dependants wholly dependent upon his support, an amount calculated by multiplying the worker's weekly earnings, including allowances and overtime for the twenty-six weeks immediately preceding the date of injury by two hundred and sixty and, in addition, an amount of £250 in respect of each child who, being a dependant under the age of

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- sixteen years at the date of either the injury or the death of the employee, was, at the date of injury wholly or mainly dependent on the earnings of the employee;
- (ii) if the employee does not leave any dependants wholly dependent upon his support, but leaves dependants in part dependent upon his support, such sum, not exceeding in any case the amount payable under clause (i) of this sut-paragraph as is considered by the Commissioner to be reasonable and proportionate to the injury; and
- (iii) such sum as is necessary for the cost of the employee's funeral, burial or cremation;
- (b) where the employee is totally incapacitated for work by the injury, a weekly payment during his incapacity equal to the worker's average weekly wage, including allowances and overtime; and
- (c) where the employee is partially incapacitated for work by the injury—a weekly payment during his incapacity-
 - (i) of the amount (if any) by which the weekly amount he is earning, or is able to earn in some suitable employment or business, after the injury is less than his weekly pay at the date of the injury; or
 - (ii) of the amount (if any) by which the weekly amount he is earning, or is able to earn in some suitable employment or business, after the injury is less than the weekly amount that would have been payable to him under paragraph (b) of this paragraph, if he had been totally incapacitated,

whichever is the greater.';

- (b) by omitting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1A.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:-
- (a) where death results from or is materially contributed to by the injury any amount paid or payable before the death of the employee by way of weekly payments in respect of his total or partial incapacity for work shall not be deducted from the sum payable under clause (i) of sub-raragraph (a) of that paragraph, or shall be disregarded in determining the sum payable under clause (ii) of that sub-paragraph, as the case may be;'; and (c) by omitting clause (iii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1A.).".

Debate ensued.

Question-That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill-put and passed.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:— "6. The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule Third Schedule. inserted in its stead:-

THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

COMPENSATION FOR SPECIFIED INJURIES.

Section 12.

Nature of Injury.												
Eye Injuries—												
Loss of the sight of both eye	es								100			
Loss of the sight of an only	useful e	ye, the oth	er being	blind or	absent				100			
Loss of the sight of one eye and serious diminution of sight of the other												
Loss of the sight of one eye				••					50			
Loss of binocular vision									40			
Hearing Injuries—								1				
Loss of hearing								l	75			
Complete deafness of one ea	. .				• •			l	331			
Arm Injuries—									•			
Loss of right arm or greater	part of	right arm							97			
Loss of lower part of right a				• •					85			
Loss of right hand or the fiv			ht hand	• •					85			
Loss of left arm or greater p		eft arm							95			
Loss of lower part of left are		• •		• •			• •		82			
Loss of left hand or the five fingers of the left hand								82				
Hand Injuries—												
Loss of both hands	• •	••	• •		• •	• •	• •		100			
Loss of right thumb	• •	••	• •	• •	• •		• •		35			
Loss of left thumb	• •	••	• •		••	• •	••		33 1			
Loss of right forefinger	••	• •	••	• •		• •	• •		25			
Loss of left forefinger	• •	••	• •		• •	• •	••	•••	23			
Loss of right middle finger	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •			16			
Loss of left middle finger	• •	• •	• •	• •			• •	[15			
Loss of right ring finger	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •				14			
Loss of left ring finger	• •	• •	• •	••		• •			13			
Loss of right little finger	• •	• •	••	••	• •				14			
Loss of left little finger	••	• •	• •	• •		• •		I	13			

Nature of Injury.											
Hand Injuries—continued.											
Loss of total movement of joint of right thumb		••	• •				35				
Loss of total movement of joint of left thumb							33 1				
Loss of joint of right thumb							22				
Loss of joint of left thumb							21				
Loss of portion of terminal segment of right thu loss of joint	mb inv	olving one	e-third of	its flexor	surface w	ithout	35				
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Loss of two joints of left middle finger	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• • •	12				
Loss of two joints of right ring finger	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• • •	13				
Loss of two joints of left ring finger	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• • •	12				
Loss of two joints of right little finger	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• • •	13				
Loss of two joints of left little finger		*****	٠٠.	• •	• •	• • •	12 11				
Loss of distal joint of right middle finger or ring finger or little finger											
Loss of distal joint of left middle finger or ring	finger	or little fi	nger	• •	• •		10				
Leg Injuries—						İ					
Loss of leg above knee	• •		• •	• •	• •		90				
Loss of leg below knee	• •	• •	• •	• •		• • •	77				
Foot Injuries—						- 1					
Loss of foot	• •						75				
Loss of great toe	• •	• •					23				
Loss of joint of great toe	• •	. ••					13				
Loss of any toe other than great toe		• •	• •		• •		10				
Loss of two joints of any toe other than great t	oe	• •					8				
Loss of joint of any toe other than great toe	• •			• •	• •	• •	7				
Other Injuries—						l					
Loss of speech	••.	••			• •		52				
Loss of, or total impairment of, genital organs,							100				
Loss of, or the loss of the use of any other facult	y, orga	n or part	of the bo	dy not co	vered else	where					
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Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forbes (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION 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-

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army), the Bill was read a third time.

14. Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Bill (No. 2) 1964 and Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1964–65— ORDERS OF DAY FOR NEXT SITTING-RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS.-Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That the resolutions of the House this day making the resumption of the debates on the second readings of the Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Bill (No. 2) 1964 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1964-65 orders of the day for the next sitting be rescinded, and that the resumption of the debates be made orders of the day for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

15. SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT BILL (No. 2) 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-Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General.-Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 61, dated 11th November, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

16. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1964-65.—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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

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17. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1964.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the National Service Act 1951-1957. Bill read a first time.

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell-Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for Monday, the 16th November.

18. Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

19. Crimes (Overseas) 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

20. REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 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. Stewart who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" this House, while not refusing to give the Bill a second reading, is of opinion that the provisions of the Repatriation Act 1920-1964 should be extended to apply in respect of all service in the Defence Force ".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question-put and passed.-Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

21. Interim Forces Benefits 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-

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

22. REPATRIATION (FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE) 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-

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

23. REPATRIATION (SPECIAL OVERSEAS SERVICE) 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-

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

24. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL (No. 2) 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-Ouestion-put and passed.-Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:—

'5. Section fifty-three A of the Principal Act is amended—

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mitting paragraph (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—
the bunder a law of a country other than the Commonwealth that is or
the bas been a part of the deminions of the Country in that is or (a) by omitting paragraph (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph: has been a part of the dominions of the Crown,'; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the words 'or shall be payable only upon condition that such compensation shall be relinquished '.".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time,

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25. Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Bill (No. 2) 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Deputy of the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 62, dated 22nd October, 1964, from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

- On the motion of Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 26. Customs Tariff (No. 4), Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 4) and Excise Tariff Bills 1964.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
- PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 11th November, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of National Development—S. E. Smith.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Cleaver*, Mr. Coutts*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Griffiths*, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Howson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lucock*, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Webb* and Mr. Wilson.

*On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.