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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1965.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
3. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Papua and New Guinea Act—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance—Papua and New Guinea Superannuation Board—Thirteenth Annual Report, for year 1963-64.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Johnson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The position which has developed in relation to medical and hospital benefits as a result of (a) the Government's approval of reduced medical benefits under existing contributions and of higher contributions without comparable increased benefits, (b) the Government's failure to reduce the proportion of medical costs borne by patients and (c) the Government's failure to effect economies in the operation of registered medical and hospital benefit organizations".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Johnson addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
5. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 34.—Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 34.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Bubble levels.
Ordered to be printed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RADIOPHYSICS LABORATORY FOR C.S.I.R.O., EPPING, NEW SOUTH WALES.—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 a Radiophysics Laboratory for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Epping, New South Wales.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
23rd March, 1965—Message No. 136—Navigation 1965.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
10. INDUS BASIN DEVELOPMENT FUND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT 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.
Messages from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General—
No. 72, dated 16th March, 1965, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and
No. 73, dated 18th March, 1965, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of a new clause and an amendment to be moved in the Bill.

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The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), the following amendments were made together, after debate:—

New clause—

“ 1A. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of Commencement. October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.”.

Amendment—

Clause 3, page 1, line 14, omit “ which is appropriated accordingly ”, insert “ and the appropriation made by section 3 of the *Indus Basin Development Fund Agreement Act* 1960 extends to payments made in respect of that contribution ”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE 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. Hallett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 23RD MARCH, 1965—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—
Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on foreign affairs and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 23rd March, 1965—

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

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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 23rd March, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 27.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 28.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Nowra, New South Wales.

Raymond Terrace, New South Wales.

Postal purposes—

Melbourne West, Victoria.

Menangle, New South Wales.

Road widening purposes—Braddon, Australian Capital Territory.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Primary Industry—P. F. Byrne.

Repatriation—G. E. Cook.

Treasury—P. A. McLaughlin.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1965—

No. 24—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

No. 25—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 27—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1965—No. 2—Advisory Council.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Devine, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Jess, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Stokes.

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