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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 98.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1965.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Lucock) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. DROUGHT—RELIEF MEASURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with regard to the present drought, referring primarily to the situation in New South Wales and Queensland, and informed the House of relief measures which the Government had already taken and further steps which it proposed to take. Sir Robert Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:—
Drought—Relief Measures—Ministerial statement, 26th August, 1965—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
5. DROUGHT IN NORTHERN TERRITORY—RELIEF MEASURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the drought situation in the Northern Territory and informed the House of further relief measures to be taken by the Government in the Territory. Mr. Barnes then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:—
Drought in Northern Territory—Relief Measures—Ministerial statement, 26th August, 1965—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. SUPERANNUATION FUND—DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the distribution to contributors and pensioners of the surplus in the Superannuation Fund, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:—
Superannuation Fund—Distribution of Surplus—Ministerial statement, 26th August, 1965—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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8. **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1965-66.**—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 (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ this House condemns the Budget because—
- (1) such taxation increases as it contains add further burdens to wage and salary earners whose living standards have already been eroded by price rises and the Government’s active intervention against wage increases;
 - (2) such meagre social service benefits as it proposes are inadequate, belated and partial in their application; and
 - (3) the Budget fails entirely to deal with such problems as increases in imports and Australia’s dependence on foreign capital.
- This House further declares that only by proper economic planning can Australia rapidly expand the resources required to meet its urgent needs in the fields of defence, development, education and social welfare ”—
- Debate resumed.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Reynolds), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
9. **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—NEW JET TRAINER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had selected the Italian Macchi MB326H aircraft as a new jet trainer for the Royal Australian Air Force and stated that the introduction of this aircraft would necessitate the initial flying training school of the Air Force being moved from Point Cook, Victoria, to Pearce, Western Australia. Mr. Fairhall then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:—
- Royal Australian Air Force—New Jet Trainer—Ministerial statement, 26th August, 1965—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
10. **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1965-66.**—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 (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ this House condemns the Budget because—
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 - (2) such meagre social service benefits as it proposes are inadequate, belated and partial in their application; and
 - (3) the Budget fails entirely to deal with such problems as increases in imports and Australia’s dependence on foreign capital.
- This House further declares that only by proper economic planning can Australia rapidly expand the resources required to meet its urgent needs in the fields of defence, development, education and social welfare ”—
- Debate resumed.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Hallett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House of changes in the membership of Senators on the following joint committees:—
- 26th August, 1965—Message—
- No. 193—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Appointment of Senators McClelland and Sim.
- No. 194—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Appointment of Senator Scott in place of Senator Marriott, resigned.
- No. 195—Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Discharge of Senators Branson and Scott.
 - (2) Appointment of Senators Cormack, McManus and Mattner.
 - (3) Appointment, until such time as the remaining vacancies for Members of the Senate on the committee are filled by members of the Opposition, of Senators Bull and Wright.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to twelve o’clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o’clock p.m.

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PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 26th August, 1965—

By command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States concluded at the tenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, signed 5th December, 1958.
- (2) Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications concluded at the tenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, signed 5th December, 1958.
- (3) Fifteenth Congress of the Universal Postal Union—Instruments, signed 10th July, 1964—
 - (a) Constitution of Universal Postal Union and Final Protocol.
 - (b) General Regulations of Universal Postal Union and Final Protocol.
 - (c) Universal Postal Convention and Final Protocol.
 - (d) Detailed Regulations for implementing the Universal Postal Convention.
 - (e) Agreement concerning Postal Parcels and Final Protocol.
 - (f) Detailed Regulations for implementing the Agreement concerning Postal Parcels and Final Protocol.
- (4) Protocol for the extension of the 1962 International Wheat Agreement, signed 22nd March, 1965.
- (5) Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany regarding the division between the two countries of compensation paid by the Government of Israel for German secular property in Israel, signed 21st April, 1965.
- (6) Assisted Migration Agreement between Australia and Malta, signed 28th April, 1965.
- (7) Migration and Settlement Agreement between Australia and the Netherlands, signed 1st June, 1965.
- (8) Trade Agreement between Australia and the Philippines, signed 16th June, 1965.
- (9) Assisted Migration Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany, signed 21st June, 1965.
- (10) Exchange of Notes dated 16th and 21st June, 1965, between Australia and Malaysia constituting an agreement under which the Malaysian Government assumed the responsibilities of the Singapore Government for the provision of treatment in Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas Island.
- (11) Exchange of Notes dated 25th June, 1965, between Australia and the United States of America constituting an agreement regarding the reciprocal granting of authorizations to permit licensed amateur radio operators of either country to operate their stations in the other country.
- (12) Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany regarding the exchange of money orders, signed 8th July, 1965.
- (13) Exchange of Notes dated 10th July, 1965, between Australia and India constituting an agreement regarding the amendment of Article VI of the 1949 Air Services Agreement between the two countries.
- (14) Agreement between Australia and the European Organization for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers governing the conduct in Australia and the territories under the authority of Australia of the operations by the Organization, signed 13th July, 1965.
- (15) Supplementary Agreement to the Interim Agreement between Australia, the United Kingdom and the European Organization for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers for the conduct of the Phase 1 firings of the initial programme of the Organization, signed 13th July, 1965.
- (16) Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the European Organization for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers.
- (17) Exchange of Notes dated 28th July and 11th August, 1965, between Australia and Indonesia constituting an agreement for the extension of the 1959 Trade Agreement between the two countries.

Pursuant to statute—

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 119.

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

Australian Broadcasting Commission purposes—The Bluff, South Australia.
Commonwealth Office purposes—Parramatta, New South Wales.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 118.

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

No. 98—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 99—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 102—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 103—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.

No. 104—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.

Nos. 106, 107 and 108—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Allan, Mr. Aston, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Davies, Mr. J. R. Fraser, Mr. Jones, Sir John McLeay, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Uren.

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