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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1965.

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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Johnson presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Australian Government withdraw our troops from, and call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in, Vietnam, and through world leaders seek a conference of conflicting parties aimed at permanent peace and self-determination of the Vietnamese people based on the principles of the 1954 Geneva Accords. Mr. Beazley presented a petition from certain students of Australian tertiary institutions requesting that the deletion from section 51 of the Constitution of the words discriminating against Aborigines be submitted to the same referendum as that announced by the Government to seek the removal of section 127. Petitions severally received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Conference—
Forty-fifth Session, 1961—Statement in relation to the Convention and Recommendation adopted by the Session.
Forty-seventh Session, June, 1963, and Forty-eighth Session, June-July, 1964, Geneva—
Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Thirteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1964-65.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
24th September, 1965, a.m.—Message No. 199—Wool Reserve Prices Plan Referendum 1965.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1965.—Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Expenditure in respect of the Allowances of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Forbes 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 the next sitting.
7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE BILL 1965.—Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Expenditure in respect of the Allowances of the Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Forbes 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 the next sitting.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPATRIATION BILL 1965.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 200, dated 23rd September, 1965, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Repatriation Act 1920-1964'".
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Sinclair (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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9. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1965.—The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
10. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1965.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Sinclair (Minister for Social Services), the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 3, omit paragraph (d), insert the following paragraph:—

“(d) by omitting sub-section (1E.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

‘(1E.) Sub-section (1B.) of this section does not apply in relation to a person if the property component calculated in relation to that person exceeds by One hundred and eighty-two pounds or more—

(a) the maximum annual rate of pension specified in sub-section (1A.) of this section that is applicable to that person; or

(b) if that rate is increased in relation to that person by virtue of sub-section (1AA.) of this section, that rate as so increased.’; and ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 14, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

11. AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION BILL 1965.—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 Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.
12. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1965.—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. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
13. CUSTOMS BILL (No. 2) 1965.—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. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
28th September, 1965—Message—
No. 201—Wheat Tax 1965 (*without requests*).
No. 202—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1965.
No. 203—Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 1) 1965 (*without requests*).
No. 204—Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 2) 1965 (*without requests*).
No. 205—Diesel Fuel Taxation (Administration) 1965.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
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PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 28th September, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1965—

No. 31—Alice Springs Town Management.

No. 32—Fisheries.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1965—No. 37—Loan (Works, Services and Electricity).

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1964–65.

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

No. 168—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Australia.

No. 169—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 170—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

No. 171—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 172—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan*, Mr. Aston*, Mr. Bosman, Mr. Clark, Mr. England, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Holt, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Sexton*, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Uren*.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.