THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 141.

FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1965.

- 1. The House met, at half-past nine 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.
- 3. Paper.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Postmaster-General's Department—Fifty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1964-65.
- 4. INCOME TAX BILL 1965 [No. 2].—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Allan Mr. Anthony Mr. Barnes Mr. Bosman Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Drury Mr. G. D. Erwin Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Holt Mr. Howson Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Maisey Mr. McEwen Sir R. Menzies Mr. Nixon Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Whittorn Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pettitt	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns Mr. Chancy	Mr. Fox Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joss Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robinson Mr. Shaw	
Mr. Chipp Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Gibbs Mr. Giles	Sir W. Kent Hughes Mr. Killen	Mr. Sinclair Mr. Snedden	Tellers:
Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Hallett	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Aston
Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cross	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Devine	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	34 G
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Collard	Mr. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) 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 Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

6. Advance to the Treasurer 1964-65—Statement of Expenditure.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the statement.

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(In the committee.)

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House:-

That the committee agrees with the statement for the year 1964-65 of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the Audit Act 1901-1964.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the resolution reported from the committee was adopted by the House.

7. Message from the Senate—Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Bill 1965.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 254, dated 9th December, 1965, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "An Act to extend Eligibility for Benefits under the 'Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act 1962-1964'".

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz, the Bill was read a third time.

8. Message from the Senate.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:—

10th December, 1965—Message No. 257—Income Tax 1965 [No. 2].

9. INCOME TAX BILL (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act* 1965.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

10. Message from the Senate—Trade Practices Bill 1965.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—

Message No. 255.

President.

MR. SPEAKER

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to preserve Competition in Australian Trade and Commerce to the extent required by the Public Interest", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMullin,

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th December, 1965.

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(In the committee.)

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 15, clause 34, line 35, leave out "Five hundred pounds", insert "One thousand dollars".

No. 2.—Pages 21 and 22, clause 39, leave out sub-clauses (4.) and (8.).

No. 3.—Page 44, clause 82, line 19, leave out "Five hundred pounds", insert "One thousand dollars".

No. 4.—Page 44, clause 83, line 30, leave out "Five hundred pounds", insert "One thousand dollars".

No. 5.—Page 44, clause 84, line 42, leave out "Five hundred pounds", insert "One thousand dollars".

On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, the House adopted the report.

11. Message from the Senate.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

10th December, 1965—Message No. 256—Temple Society Trust Fund 1965.

- 12. Postponement of orders of the day.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 14, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13. Rhodesia—Additional Financial and Economic Sanctions—Ministerial Statement, 8th December, 1965—Paper Noted.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister):—That the House take note of the paper (presented on the 8th December, 1965), viz.:—

Rhodesia—Additional Financial and Economic Sanctions—Ministerial statement, 8th December, 1965—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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14. Message from the Governor-General.—Assent to Bills.—A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

10th December, 1965-Message No. 157-

Decimal Currency Board 1965.

Currency 1965.

Reserve Bank 1965.

Superannuation 1965.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (No. 2) 1965.

15. REPRINT OF COMMONWEALTH ACTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the reprinting of Commonwealth Acts and informed the House that the preparation of the re-print had been postponed for the time being.

Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Wentworth, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

- 16. GIFTS TO COLLEGES OF ADVANCED EDUCATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT,—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that gifts of £1 and over made to colleges of advanced education would be deductible for income tax purposes as are gifts made to universities.
- 17. ABORIGINAL WELFARE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement on aboriginal affairs and the work of the Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers on Aboriginal Welfare held in Adelaide on 22nd July, 1965.

 Mr. Barnes then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—Statement of policy and text of resolutions approved by Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers on Aboriginal Welfare held in Adelaide on 22nd July, 1965—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18. New and Permanent Parliament House—Joint Select Committee.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and Members as members of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:—

Senators Drake-Brockman and Wedgwood had been appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senators O'Byrne and Cavanagh by the Leader of the Opposition in that House.

The Honorable J. D. Anthony, Mr. Aston, Mr. Chipp and Mr. Drury had been appointed by the Prime Minister. Mr. Whitlam, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Benson and Mr. Nicholls had been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in this House and Mr. Cameron had been appointed jointly by the Leaders of the Opposition in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

19. Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

10th December, 1965-Message-

No. 258—Bills relating to Decimal Currency—Air Navigation (Charges) (No. 2), Audit, Banking, Bankruptcy (Decimal Currency), Butter Fat Levy (No. 2) (without requests), Canned Fruits Export Charges, Christmas Island, Commonwealth Banks, and Customs (No. 3) 1965, Customs Tariff 1966 [1965] (without requests), Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (No. 3), Dried Fruits Export Charges (without requests), Egg Export Charges (without requests), Egg Export Charges (without requests), Honey Levy (No. 1a) (without requests), Honey Levy (No. 2a) (without requests), Income Tax Assessment (No. 2), Insurance, Life Insurance, National Health (No. 2), Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Decimal Currency), Pay-roll Tax Assessment (No. 2), Post and Telegraph, Post and Telegraph Rates, Pyrites Bounty (No. 3), Social Services (No. 2), States Grants (Petroleum Products) (No. 2), Superannuation (No. 2), Taxation Administration, and Wheat Industry Stabilization 1965.

No. 259—Customs Tariff Validation (No. 2) 1965 (without requests).

No. 260—Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1965.

No. 261—Nauru 1965.

20. New Zealand-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry):—That the House take note of the paper (presented on the 17th August, 1965), viz.:—

New Zealand-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Ministerial statement, 17th August, 1965—

Debate resumed.

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

- 21. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

 Question—put and passed.
- 22. Leave of Absence to All Members.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
 Question—put and passed.

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23. Adjournment.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 10th December, 1965, pursuant to statute—

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

No. 258—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division) and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 259—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 260—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 261-North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 262-Meat Inspectors' Association.

No. 263—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1965—No. 19—Police Pensions.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Benson, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Bury, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Connor, Mr. Courtnay, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies, Mr. England, Mr. Failes, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Sexton.

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