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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 145.

TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1966.

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. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
3. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Christmas Island—Report for year 1964-65.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—
Sixteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report,
for year 1964-65.
4. EXCHANGE OF EMBASSIES WITH MEXICO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Australian and Mexican Governments had agreed to exchange embassies.
Mr. Whitlam, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
5. NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED.—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.
Mr. Peters moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:— “ but is of opinion that the Agreement will be detrimental to the interests of Australian primary producers ”.
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Gray	Mr. Minogue
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Patterson
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Peters
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
			Tellers:
			Mr. Coutts
			Mr. Duthie

NOES, 66.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Killen
Mr. Anthouy	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Gibson	Mr. King
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Davis	Mr. Giles	Mr. Lindsay
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lucock
Mr. Bate	Mr. England	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bosman	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Nixon
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Forbes	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pettitt
Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robinson
			Tellers:
			Mr. Aston
			Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

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6. STATEMENT OF POLICY BY NEW GOVERNMENT—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. Holt (Prime Minister):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 8th March, 1966*), viz.:—

Statement of Policy by New Government—Ministerial statement, 8th March, 1966—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed by Mr. Calwell 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 records—

(1) its most emphatic opposition to the despatch of conscripted youths for service in Vietnam and the increased military commitment in that country, and

(2) its disapproval of and grave concern at the Government’s failure—

(a) to maintain the purchasing power of the Australian community;

(b) to retain an adequate and proper Australian share in the ownership and development of our national resources, particularly in Northern Australia;

(c) to alleviate the effects of the drought and take steps to rehabilitate rural industries and conserve water resources;

(d) to make adequate provision for housing and associated community facilities, and

(e) to submit to referendum the two Bills to alter the Constitution in respect of Aborigines and the Parliament which were passed last year and, in connexion with the latter Bill, to disclose the related distribution proposals ”.

Debate continued.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven 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 15th March, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (4).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Meteorological purposes—Wagga Wagga (Koorringal), New South Wales.

Postal purposes—Croydon, Victoria.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 15th February, 1966.

Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1964–65.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Costa* and Mr. Jess.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.