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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 168.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Collard presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government repeal the Wards' Employment Ordinance and legislate to provide at least the basic wage for all Aboriginal workers in the Northern Territory.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar petitions were presented by Mr. Lucock, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Drury and Mr. Barnard, and were severally received.  
Mr. Stewart presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government provide a pension rate equivalent to half the basic wage and allocate additional finance for the building of low rental homes and units for pensioners and elderly people.  
Mr. Coutts presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that in the 1966 Budget age and invalid pensions, including those paid to married couples, be 50 per cent. of the male basic wage with cost-of-living adjustments tied.  
Mr. Sexton presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by providing increased social service and housing benefits for the aged, the invalid, the widowed and their dependants.  
Petitions severally received and read.  
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr. Sexton were presented by Mr. Failes, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Connor, Mr. G. D. Erwin, Mr. Stewart, Mr. King, Mr. J. F. Cairns, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Devine, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Fox, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Luchetti, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Daly, Mr. Bridges-Maxwell, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Crean, and were severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice being asked—  
Mr. Webb having addressed a question to Mr. Speaker—  
*Paper.*—Mr. Speaker presented the following paper:—  
SEATO Conference, June, 1966—Statement by Mr. Speaker.  
Questions without notice continued.
4. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1965-66—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—  
Statement for the year 1965-66 of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1965 (Advance to the Treasurer).  
Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—  
Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1st March, 1965, to 3rd February, 1966.  
Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Twenty-eighth Annual Report, for 1965.  
Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1964-65.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
13th May, 1966—Message—  
No. 305—Western Australia Grant (Beef Cattle Roads) 1966.  
No. 306—States Grants (Drought Assistance) 1966.  
No. 307—Commonwealth Electoral 1966.

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7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
- 13th May, 1966—Message No. 186—Quarantine 1966.  
 17th May, 1966—Message No. 187—Loan 1966.  
 18th May, 1966—Message No. 188—  
 Vinyl Resin Bounty 1966.  
 Tractor Bounty 1966.  
 International Wheat Agreement (Extension) 1966.  
 Income Tax (International Agreements) 1966.  
 Appropriation (No. 3) 1965–66.  
 Appropriation (No. 4) 1965–66.  
 Supply (No. 1) 1966–67.  
 Supply (No. 2) 1966–67.  
 19th May, 1966—Message No. 189—  
 Loan (Defence) 1966.  
 Western Australia Grant (Beef Cattle Roads) 1966.  
 21st May, 1966—Message No. 190—Housing Agreement 1966.  
 24th May, 1966—Message No. 191—  
 Asian Development Bank 1966.  
 Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1966.  
 Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1966.  
 Customs 1966.  
 Therapeutic Goods 1966.  
 Financial Agreement 1966.  
 States Grants (Drought Assistance) 1966.  
 Commonwealth Electoral 1966.  
 1st June, 1966—Message No. 192—Bankruptcy 1966.
8. TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY REGARDING SECURITY OF THE TERRITORY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the following resolution passed by the House of Assembly for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea on the 10th June, 1966, had been forwarded to him with a request that it be communicated to the Parliament of the Commonwealth—
- “ We, the Members of the House of Assembly of Papua and New Guinea express to the Government and the people of Australia our firm belief that the people of this country are deeply grateful to Australia for the vast expenditure being made in this country to ensure that the peoples of Papua and New Guinea will be able to move peacefully towards their destiny without let or hindrance from outside sources.
- We are aware, and believe that the people of this country are aware, of the price of security. We realize that the geographical locality of this country on the fringe of the Pacific, yet also on the fringe of South East Asia, demands an expenditure on security forces and installations which this country could not face alone.
- We welcome, as do our Malaysian friends, the presence of Australian defence installations and forces as a guarantee that that country would come to our aid in time of need in the future, even as it has done in the past.”
9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBER.—Mr. O'Connor (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
- Report relating to the proposed Nightcliff High School at Darwin, Northern Territory—  
 and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.  
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
- Mr. O'Connor also brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
- Report relating to the master plan for progressive rebuilding, and construction of a combined mess, galley and recreation centre at H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*, Fremantle, Western Australia—  
 and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.  
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
10. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Finance Corporation Act 1955–1963* in consequence of an amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Monetary Agreements Act 1947–1963* in consequence of an amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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12. **POULTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1966.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Poultry Industry Assistance Act 1965*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Adermann 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.
13. **POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1966.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Poultry Industry Levy Collection Act 1965*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Adermann 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.
14. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSIONS TO REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, CONCORD, N.S.W.**—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1965*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Extensions to Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, N.S.W.  
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.  
Question—put and passed.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NEW KITCHEN AT REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA.**—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1965*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Proposed new kitchen at Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria.  
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.  
Question—put and passed.
16. **QUEENSLAND BEEF CATTLE ROADS AGREEMENT BILL 1966.**—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 by Mr. Luchetti who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ while not opposing the provisions of the Bill this House is of opinion that the Queensland Beef Cattle Roads Agreement should be further amended to provide that approval on behalf of the Commonwealth of works under the Agreement shall be given by the Minister for National Development ”.  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61.

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| Mr. Adermann        | Mr. Cleaver      | Mr. Gibbs          | Mr. Killen    | Mr. Sinclair    |
| Mr. Allan           | Sir J. Cramer    | Mr. Gibson         | Mr. King      | Mr. Snedden     |
| Mr. Anthony         | Mr. Drury        | Mr. Giles          | Mr. Lindsay   | Mr. Stokes      |
| Mr. Barnes          | Mr. England      | Mr. Hallett        | Mr. Lucock    | Mr. Swartz      |
| Mr. Bate            | Mr. G. D. Erwin  | Mr. Hasluck        | Mr. Mackay    | Mr. Turner      |
| Mr. Bosman          | Mr. Failes       | Mr. Haworth        | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Whittorn    |
| Mr. Bowen           | Mr. Fairbairn    | Mr. Holten         | Mr. McEwen    | Sir K. Wilson   |
| Mr. Bridges-Maxwell | Mr. Fairhall     | Mr. Howson         | Mr. McMahan   |                 |
| Mr. Buchanan        | Mr. Falkinder    | Mr. Hughes         | Mr. Nixon     |                 |
| Mr. Bury            | Mr. Forbes       | Mr. Hulme          | Mr. Opperman  | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. K. M. K. Cairns | Mr. Fox          | Mr. L. H. Irwin    | Mr. Peacock   |                 |
| Mr. Chaney          | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Jess           | Mr. Pettitt   | Mr. Aston       |
| Mr. Chipp           | Mr. Freeth       | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr. Robinson  | Mr. Turnbull    |

NOES, 44.

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| Mr. Barnard      | Mr. Connor   | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. James     | Mr. Pollard     |
| Mr. Beaton       | Mr. Cope     | Mr. Fulton       | Mr. Jones     | Mr. Reynolds    |
| Mr. Beazley      | Mr. Courtney | Mr. Galvin       | Mr. Luchetti  | Mr. Sexton      |
| Mr. Benson       | Mr. Crean    | Mr. Gray         | Mr. McIvor    | Mr. Stewart     |
| Mr. Birrell      | Mr. Cross    | Mr. Griffiths    | Mr. Mortimer  | Mr. Uren        |
| Mr. Bryant       | Mr. Curtin   | Mr. Hansen       | Mr. Nicholls  | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. J. F. Cairns | Mr. Daly     | Mr. Harding      | Mr. O'Connor  | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cameron      | Mr. Davies   | Mr. Harrison     | Mr. Patterson | Mr. Couatts     |
| Mr. Collard      | Mr. Devine   | Mr. Hayden       | Mr. Peters    | Mr. Duthie      |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 195, dated 5th May, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

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## Clause 5—

Mr. Patterson moved the following amendment:—Page 2, line 13, at the end of proposed section 4A add “ subject to that Agreement being amended to provide that advances made to the State under the Agreement for the construction of unsealed roads shall not be refunded to the Commonwealth whereas advances made to the State under the Agreement for the sealing of roads shall be refunded ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 45.

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| Mr. Barnard      | Mr. Cope         | Mr. Galvin    | Mr. McIvor    | Mr. Uren        |
| Mr. Beaton       | Mr. Courtney     | Mr. Gray      | Mr. Mortimer  | Mr. Webb        |
| Mr. Beazley      | Mr. Crean        | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Nicholls  | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. Benson       | Mr. Cross        | Mr. Hansen    | Mr. O'Connor  |                 |
| Mr. Birrell      | Mr. Curtin       | Mr. Harding   | Mr. Patterson |                 |
| Mr. Bryant       | Mr. Daly         | Mr. Harrison  | Mr. Peters    |                 |
| Mr. J. F. Cairns | Mr. Davies       | Mr. Hayden    | Mr. Pollard   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cameron      | Mr. Devine       | Mr. James     | Mr. Reynolds  |                 |
| Mr. Collard      | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. Jones     | Mr. Sexton    | Mr. Coutts      |
| Mr. Connor       | Mr. Fulton       | Mr. Luchetti  | Mr. Stewart   | Mr. Duthie      |

## NOES, 60.

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| Mr. Adermann        | Mr. Cleaver      | Mr. Gibbs          | Mr. Killen    | Mr. Snedden     |
| Mr. Allan           | Sir J. Cramer    | Mr. Gibson         | Mr. King      | Mr. Stokes      |
| Mr. Anthony         | Mr. Drury        | Mr. Giles          | Mr. Lindsay   | Mr. Swartz      |
| Mr. Barnes          | Mr. England      | Mr. Hallett        | Mr. Mackay    | Mr. Turner      |
| Mr. Bate            | Mr. G. D. Erwin  | Mr. Hasluck        | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Whittorn    |
| Mr. Bosman          | Mr. Failes       | Mr. Haworth        | Mr. McEwen    | Sir K. Wilson   |
| Mr. Bowen           | Mr. Fairbairn    | Mr. Holten         | Mr. McMahon   |                 |
| Mr. Bridges-Maxwell | Mr. Fairhall     | Mr. Howson         | Mr. Nixon     |                 |
| Mr. Buchanan        | Mr. Falkinder    | Mr. Hughes         | Mr. Opperman  | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bury            | Mr. Forbes       | Mr. Hulme          | Mr. Peacock   |                 |
| Mr. K. M. K. Cairns | Mr. Fox          | Mr. L. H. Irwin    | Mr. Pettitt   |                 |
| Mr. Chaney          | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Jess           | Mr. Robinson  | Mr. Aston       |
| Mr. Chipp           | Mr. Freeth       | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr. Sinclair  | Mr. Turnbull    |

And so it was negated.

Mr. Patterson moved the following amendment:—Page 2, line 13, at the end of proposed section 4A add “ subject to that Agreement being amended to provide for the inclusion of the Oxford Downs—Nebo —Baker's Creek Road in the Works Programme ”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 45.

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| Mr. Barnard      | Mr. Cope     | Mr. Galvin    | Mr. McIvor    | Mr. Uren        |
| Mr. Beaton       | Mr. Costa    | Mr. Gray      | Mr. Mortimer  | Mr. Webb        |
| Mr. Beazley      | Mr. Courtney | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Nicholls  | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. Benson       | Mr. Crean    | Mr. Hansen    | Mr. O'Connor  |                 |
| Mr. Birrell      | Mr. Cross    | Mr. Harding   | Mr. Patterson |                 |
| Mr. Bryant       | Mr. Curtin   | Mr. Harrison  | Mr. Peters    |                 |
| Mr. J. F. Cairns | Mr. Daly     | Mr. Hayden    | Mr. Pollard   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cameron      | Mr. Davies   | Mr. James     | Mr. Reynolds  |                 |
| Mr. Collard      | Mr. Devine   | Mr. Jones     | Mr. Sexton    | Mr. Coutts      |
| Mr. Connor       | Mr. Fulton   | Mr. Luchetti  | Mr. Stewart   | Mr. Duthie      |

## NOES, 57.

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| Mr. Adermann        | Mr. Cleaver      | Mr. Freeth      | Mr. Killen    | Mr. Sinclair    |
| Mr. Allan           | Sir J. Cramer    | Mr. Gibbs       | Mr. King      | Mr. Snedden     |
| Mr. Anthony         | Mr. Drury        | Mr. Gibson      | Mr. Lindsay   | Mr. Stokes      |
| Mr. Barnes          | Mr. England      | Mr. Hallett     | Mr. Mackay    | Mr. Swartz      |
| Mr. Bosman          | Mr. G. D. Erwin  | Mr. Hasluck     | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Turner      |
| Mr. Bowen           | Mr. Failes       | Mr. Haworth     | Mr. McEwen    | Mr. Whittorn    |
| Mr. Bridges-Maxwell | Mr. Fairbairn    | Mr. Holten      | Mr. McMahon   | Sir K. Wilson   |
| Mr. Buchanan        | Mr. Fairhall     | Mr. Howson      | Mr. Nixon     |                 |
| Mr. Bury            | Mr. Falkinder    | Mr. Hughes      | Mr. Opperman  | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. K. M. K. Cairns | Mr. Forbes       | Mr. Hulme       | Mr. Peacock   |                 |
| Mr. Chaney          | Mr. Fox          | Mr. L. H. Irwin | Mr. Pettitt   | Mr. Aston       |
| Mr. Chipp           | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Jess        | Mr. Robinson  | Mr. Turnbull    |

And so it was negated.

Clause agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1966.—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. Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr Snedden (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 17th August, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—M. O. Carr.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jack, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Riordan.

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