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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 171.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH 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. Gray presented a petition from certain Queensland pensioners praying that the Parliament give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to a minimum of no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Sir Keith Wilson presented a petition from certain Australian women praying that the House will act to ensure that the Australian Broadcasting Control Board use the powers vested in it to maintain high radio and television standards and that programmes provide good clean entertainment for the whole family, with more emphasis on educational and spiritual values.
Mr. Mortimer 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. Mortimer were presented by Mr. Courtney and Mr. O'Connor, and were severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1965.
5. NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY AT COCKBURN SOUND, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided that an investigation would be commenced this year into the feasibility of establishing naval support facilities for the Royal Australian Navy at Cockburn Sound, near Fremantle, Western Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Naval Support Facility at Cockburn Sound, Western Australia—Ministerial statement—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AT REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, SPRINGBANK, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—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:—Additional facilities at Repatriation General Hospital, Springbank, South Australia.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1966-67—BUDGET DEBATE.—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:—"the House condemns the Budget because—
(1) it fails to recognize the injustices wrought upon wage earners because real wages have fallen as prices have risen faster than wages;
(2) it makes inadequate adjustments to social service payments;
(3) it fails to recognize the serious crisis in education;
(4) it does not acknowledge the lack of confidence on the part of the business community in the future growth of the economy;
(5) it does not recognize the need of further basic development, public and private, in addition to the need for adequate defence, and that balanced development can only take place by active encouragement to Australian industry and co-operation with the States; and
(6) it does nothing to relieve our dependence on a high rate of foreign investment to finance the deficit in our balance of payments"—

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Debate resumed.

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

8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, by leave, That Mr. Gibbs be appointed a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, in the place of Mr. Cockle, deceased.

Question—put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.