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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 172.

THURSDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1966.

1. The House met, at half past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—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.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr. Harding, and was received.
Mr. Luchetti 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.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr. Luchetti were presented by Mr. Chipp, Mr. L. H. Irwin and Mr. Buchanan, and were severally received.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of himself and Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister, Senator Gorton (Minister for Works) would act as Minister for External Affairs and Mr. McEwen would represent in this House the Acting Minister for External Affairs.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS—RECOMMENDATIONS OF JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the action taken by the Government with respect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Parliamentary and Government Publications—Recommendations of Joint Select Committee—
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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
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”—

Debate resumed.

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Mr. Calwell moved, That Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 42.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Webb
Mr. Benson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Cross	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Patterson	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie

NOES, 55.				
Mr. Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Giles	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hallett	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. England	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Failles	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Sir K. Wilson
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holten	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Peacock	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Fox	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Jack	Mr. Sinclair	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jess	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Aston
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Gibbs	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 25th August, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, Nos. 121, 122, 123.

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

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