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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 174.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST 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. J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain residents of Australia praying that the House take any action necessary to prevent the Government from proceeding with its plan to conscript aliens for service outside Australia.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr. McIvor, Mr. Birrell and Mr. Devine, and were severally received. Mr. Hayden 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.
A similar petition to that presented by Mr. Hayden was presented by Mr. Daly, and was received. Mr. Daly also presented a petition from certain Greek migrants living in the Commonwealth opposing any proposition to conscript migrant youth for the Armed Services and the Commonwealth Government's decision to conscript youth for service beyond the Commonwealth and its Territories, particularly in Vietnam, and praying that the Commonwealth Government reverse its present policy.
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Economic Enquiry—Report of Committee (Volumes I and II) (*in substitution for the Report presented on the 21st September, 1965*).
Ordered to be printed.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-third Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
5. R.A.A.F. SABRE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT NEWCASTLE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED.—Mr. Howson (Minister for Air), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to an accident which occurred to a R.A.A.F. Sabre aircraft at Merewether, Newcastle, on the 16th August, 1966, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
R.A.A.F. Sabre Aircraft Accident at Newcastle—Ministerial statement—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Maranoa (Mr. Brimblecombe) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas, and to the honorable Member for Moore (Mr. Maisey) on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Deakin (Mr. Davis) and Wakefield (Mr. Kelly) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Darling (Mr. Clark), Hughes (Mr. Johnson), West Sydney (Mr. Minogue) and Kennedy (Mr. Riordan) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
9. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, pursuant to notice, That government business shall take precedence over general business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

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10. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FIRST STAGE, REBUILDING OF H.M.A.S. *Nirimba*, QUAKERS HILL, NEW SOUTH WALES.—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:—First stage of progressive rebuilding in permanent construction of H.M.A.S. *Nirimba*, at Quakers Hill, New South Wales.

Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—LABORATORY AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS FOR CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DIVISION, C.S.I.R.O., CLAYTON, 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:—Erection of a new main laboratory and ancillary buildings for the Chemical Engineering Division of the C.S.I.R.O. at Clayton, Victoria.

Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

12. 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.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen 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. Benson, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Brimblecombe*, Mr. Clark*, Mr. Davis*, Mr. Failes, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hallett, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jess, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Maisey*, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Riordan*.

* On leave.

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