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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 175.

THURSDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 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. Cameron 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.
A similar petition was presented by Mr. Uren, and was received.
Mr. Allan presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that the Australian Government increase by an immense amount its contributions to non-military overseas aid such aid to be financed, if necessary, by increases in taxation, administered by some international organization such as the United Nations and offered to countries without reference to political advantage or purposes, but solely on the basis of need.
Petition received.
Mr. Lindsay 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.
Mr. Beaton 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.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1965.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Poultry Industry Assistance Act—First Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 13th September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. 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. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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7. THREAT OF VIOLENCE TO LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that anonymous telephone calls had been received in Melbourne and Adelaide which threatened violence to the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Snedden stated that action had been taken by the Commonwealth Police Force with the purpose of preventing any harm befalling the Leader of the Opposition.
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 - (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.

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, 56.

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

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:—

Parliament.

Department of the Treasury, and
Advance to the Treasurer } together.

Attorney-General's Department.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, and
Department of National Development } together.Department of Customs and Excise;
Department of Trade and Industry, and
Department of Primary Industry } together.

Department of Health.

Department of Housing.

Department of Civil Aviation;
Department of Shipping and Transport, and
Commonwealth Railways } together.

Department of Immigration.

Department of Labour and National Service.

Department of the Interior, and
Australian Capital Territory } together.

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Department of External Affairs.
 Prime Minister's Department.
 Repatriation Department, and
 Department of Social Services } together.
 Department of Territories, and
 Territories of the Commonwealth }
 Christmas Island;
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands;
 Norfolk Island;
 Northern Territory, and
 Papua and New Guinea } together.
 Department of Works.
 Defence Services—
 Department of Defence;
 Department of the Navy;
 Department of the Army;
 Department of Air;
 Department of Supply, and
 General Services } together.
 Postmaster-General's Department.
 Broadcasting and Television Services.

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$3,664,000—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTEENTH REPORT.—Mr. G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

FOURTEENTH REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and another Paper, the consideration of which had been deferred, recommends that the following be printed:—

Advance to the Treasurer—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.

Australian National University Act—Annual Report of the Council of the Australian National University, together with financial statements, for 1965.

Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1965–66.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—First Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for year 1965–66.

Science and Industry Research Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, for year 1965–66.

United Nations—Reports of Australian Delegations to Sessions of the General Assembly, New York—

Nineteenth Session 1964–65, and Resumed Nineteenth Session 1965.

Twentieth Session, 21st September to 21st December, 1965.

G. D. ERWIN,
 Chairman.

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Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGH COMMISSIONER (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 312, dated 1st September, 1966, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act 1909–1957’, and for other purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

1st September, 1966—Message No. 313—Queensland Beef Cattle Roads Agreement 1966.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 13th September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 1st September, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 124.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 125.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—J. T. Stoate.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Benson, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Brimblecombe*, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark*, Mr. Davis*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hallett, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Maisey*, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Riordan*.

* On leave.

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