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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 181.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1966.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Acting Speaker (Mr. Luccock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Acting Speaker informed the House that a party of Members of the Legislative Council for the Territory of Nauru was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of all Members, Mr. Acting Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Harding 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.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. TERTIARY EDUCATION—REPORTS AND STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) presented, pursuant to statute, the following paper:—
Australian Universities Commission Act—Australian Universities Commission—Third Report on Australian Universities, 1964–1969.
Mr. Holt, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, also presented the following papers:—
Advanced Education—Commonwealth Advisory Committee—First Report, June, 1966 (Colleges of Advanced Education, 1967–69).
Tertiary Education—Statement presented by the Prime Minister in the House of Representatives, 22nd September, 1966—
and moved, That the House take note of the statement.
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Conference—Forty-fourth Session, 1960—Statement in relation to the Convention and Recommendations adopted by the Session.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Dalley (Mr. O'Connor) on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
8. POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY BILL 1966.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Poultry Industry Levy Act 1965* in relation to Exemption from Levy in respect of Broiler Breeder Hens, and in relation to Decimal Currency.
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.
9. AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1966.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Swartz moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
10. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1966.—Mr. Forbes (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1965* in relation to Pensioners, Special Account Contributors and Decimal Currency.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Forbes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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11. SENATE ELECTIONS BILL 1966.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Election of Senators at a General Election of Members of the House of Representatives.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Anthony moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
12. LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1966.—Mr. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Three hundred million dollars for Defence Purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Howson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
13. SOCIAL SERVICES 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. Daly who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government because—
(1) the proposed increase in pension rates still leaves the pensioner’s standard of living below what is a reasonable Australian minimum;
(2) the Government is perpetuating the sub-standard rate for married pensioners despite the glaring anomalies and injustices in this course;
(3) there is still no change in the income means test which has now remained unchanged during twelve years of inflation and rising prices;
(4) the Government has once again failed to put any value back into the child endowment payments and has repudiated its pledges by allowing many other social services to lose their value, and
(5) it has failed to make benefits retrospective to the 1st July, 1966 ”.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cleaver), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
14. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR WINTON, QUEENSLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that a Viscount airliner VH-RMI, owned and operated by Ansett-A.N.A., while on a passenger flight from Mount Isa to Longreach, had crashed this afternoon in the Winton area of Queensland.
15. SOCIAL SERVICES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Daly, viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government because—
(1) the proposed increase in pension rates still leaves the pensioner’s standard of living below what is a reasonable Australian minimum;
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(5) it has failed to make benefits retrospective to the 1st July, 1966 ”—
Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Benson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harding	Mr. Patterson	Mr. Coultts
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Connor	Mr. Devine	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Uren	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Acting Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 200, dated 15th September, 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.*)

Clause 1—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.
 Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

16. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR WINTON, QUEENSLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the crash of Ansett-A.N.A. Viscount 800, VH-RMI, which he had reported earlier in the day and informed the House that the death roll comprised 20 passengers and 4 crew. Mr. Swartz expressed sincere sympathy to all relatives of those killed and stated that the fullest investigation would be made into the tragedy.
 Mr. Whitlam, by leave, associated the Opposition with the expression of sympathy.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to 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 22nd September, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Diesel Fuel Taxation (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 131.
 Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beaton, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Birrell, Mr. Brimblecombe*, Mr. Clark*, Mr. Collard, Mr. Davis*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Jess, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Maisey*, Sir John McLeay, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. Nixon, Mr. O'Connor*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Stokes.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.