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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 194.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 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. Bryant 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 and read.  
A similar petition was presented by Mr. James, and was received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
International Labour Conference—Forty-ninth Session, Geneva, June, 1965—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.  
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—  
  - Decimal Currency Board Act—Decimal Currency Board—Third Annual Report, for year 1965-66, together with the Treasurer's Report on the operation of Part V. of the Act.
  - Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
  - Life Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Twentieth Annual Report, for 1965.
  - Services Trust Funds Act—
    - Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Nineteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1965-66.
    - Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Eighteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1965-66.
    - Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1965-66.
  - Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Thirty-fifth Annual Report, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure certified by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year ended 31st August, 1966.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
  - Eighty-fifth Report—Automatic Data Processing;
  - Eighty-sixth Report—Automatic Data Processing (The Bureau of Census and Statistics Network)—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the reports.  
Ordered.—That the reports be printed.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported—  
  - (a) returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
    - 25th October, 1966—Message—  
      - No. 333—Maintenance Orders (Commonwealth Officers) 1966.
      - No. 334—Matrimonial Causes 1966.
      - No. 336—States Grants (Drought Assistance) (No. 2) 1966.
      - No. 337—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) (No. 2) 1966.
  - (b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendment disagreed to by the House, and has agreed to the amendment made by the House in place thereof:—  
    - 25th October, 1966—Message No. 335—Judiciary 1966.

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7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IN TASMANIA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Barnard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to take or permit steps to establish a shipbuilding industry in Tasmania".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr. Barnard addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Several Members rising to address the House—  
Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the business of the day be called on.  
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES.—Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. MIGRANT HOSTEL, SPRINGVALE, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Erection of a Migrant Hostel at Springvale, Victoria.  
Question—put and passed.
10. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1966.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922–1964*, as amended by the *Public Service Act 1966*, in relation to Female Officers and Employees.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Bury moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enable a Married Woman to Contribute to the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund, and for purposes related thereto.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
12. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1966.—Mr. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Income Tax.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Howson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
13. LAPSE OF NOTICE.—Upon notice No. 3, government business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under standing order 159, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
14. STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 217, dated 20th October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
15. UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 218, dated 21st October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
16. UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL (No. 2) 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 219, dated 21st October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

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17. STATES GRANTS (RESEARCH) 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
19. NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 220, dated 21st October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATUTE LAW REVISION (DECIMAL CURRENCY) BILL 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—

Message No. 339.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to revise the Statute Law of the Commonwealth in consequence of the adoption of Decimal Currency*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1966.

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(In the Committee.)

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- (1) Page 7, after clause 19, insert the following new clause:—

“ 20. Section 8 of the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1966* is <sup>*Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1966—*</sup> amended by omitting sub-section (2.).”

- (2) Page 20, First Schedule, leave out the heading “DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACT 1959–1965”, insert the heading “DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACT 1959–1965, AS AMENDED BY THE DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACT 1966”.

- (3) Page 51, Second Schedule, leave out “
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1959–1965*
- ”, insert “
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1959–1965, as amended by the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1966*
- ”.

On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister for Air), the amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Howson, the House adopted the report.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
26th October, 1966—Message No. 338—Senate Elections 1966.
22. AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS BOUNTY 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 221, dated 25th October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
23. INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS—TARIFF BOARD REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—  
Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the action taken by the Government with respect to the report by the Tariff Board on Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins.

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24. UREA BOUNTY 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.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 222, dated 25th October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
25. SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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- Debate continued.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 223, dated 25th October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
26. CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY 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.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 224, dated 25th October, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
27. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Reynolds rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Mr. Fairbairn moved, That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
 And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.
- And then the House, at two minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 26th October, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.  
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1965—No. 44—Museums and Art Galleries, together with statement of reasons for disallowance of part of the Ordinance.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Clark, Mr. Davis, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Giles, Mr. Harding, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Holt, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Maisey, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Webb.

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