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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## No. 109.

## WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1963.

- 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. PETITION .-- Mr. Devine presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date. Petition received.
- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
- 4. PAPERS .--- The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General---Qantas Empire Airways Limited-Twenty-ninth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31st March, 1963.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute-

Gold Mines Development Assistance Act—First Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of development allowance, for year 1962-63. Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Ninth Annual Statement concerning the operation of

- Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1962-63.
- 5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-PROPOSED DECIMAL CURRENCY UNITS .- Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The disadvantages and inequities of making ten shillings (10/-) the basic unit in the proposed decimal currency and of making one cent the smallest unit ".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support-Mr. Crean addressed the House. Discussion ensued. Discussion concluded.

6. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) BILL 1963.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendments made by the Senate.

### (In the Committee.)

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1 .--- Page 6, clause 7, lines 3 and 4, leave out " the Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette,", insert "the regulations may". No. 2.—Page 6, clause 7, lines 6 and 7, leave out "such a notice has been published", insert "a

conference or mission has been declared by the regulations to be a conference or mission to which this section applies ".

No. 3.—Page 6, clause 7, line 10, leave out "specified in the notice". No. 4.—Page 6, clause 7, line 21, leave out "a notice relating to".

No. 5.—Page 6, clause 8, line 37, after "Australia" insert "at an international conference". No. 6.—Page 7, clause 9, line 19, leave out ", in the opinion of the Governor-General,".

- On the motion of Sir Robert Menzies (Acting Minister for External Affairs), the Amendments were

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Robert Menzies, the House adopted the Report.

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7. WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL 1963.—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

Ouestion-put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

 SUBMARINE CABLES AND PIPELINES PROTECTION BILL 1963.—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.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

#### (In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate. Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. CUSTOMS BILL 1963.—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. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

10. EXCISE BILL 1963.—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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr. Fairhall (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.

11. SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMMODATION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Members as members of the Select Committee on House of Representatives Accommodation:—

The Prime Minister had appointed Mr. Bury to be the Chairman, and Mr. Failes and Mr. Fox to be members of the Committee, and the Leader of the Opposition had appointed Mr. Duthie to be the Deputy Chairman, and Mr. Costa and Mr. Coutts to be members of the Committee.

- 12. AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH LIABILITY) BILL 1963.—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. Whitlam who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for a minimum payment of £7,500 on the death of a passenger and to remove any limitation on the amount of damages which may be recovered by an injured passenger or by dependants in respect of the death of a passenger".

Debate continued.

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. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jess	Mr. Nixon	Tellers:
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Howson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

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		Noes, 52.		
Mr. Armitage	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Gray	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Uren
Mr. Benson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. Collard	Mr. Einfeld	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Comber	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	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.)

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate. Clause 8—

Mr. Whitlam moved the following amendment:—Page 3, omit sub-clause (1.). Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)-

		Ayes, 56.		
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir J. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	
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Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
		NOES, 51.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Gray	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Uren
Mr. Benson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
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Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. APPROPRIATION BILL 1963-64.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

#### (In the Committee.)

Second Schedule— Proposed expenditures-

Department of Civil Aviation, £15,537,000-

Department of Shipping and Transport, £12,139,000-

Debate resumed on the proposed expenditures, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitlam, viz.:—That the proposed expenditures be reduced by £1.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)-

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Uren
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Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
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And so it was negatived.

Question-That the proposed expenditures be agreed to-put and passed.

Ordered—That the following proposed expenditures be now taken, and considered together:— Department of Customs and Excise, £6,029,000—

Department of Trade, £4,792,000-

Department of Primary Industry, £16,930,000-

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly. Ordered---That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
- PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 9th October, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Shipping and Transport—R. J. Herd. Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determination—1963—No. 53— Australian Workers' Union.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. J. Cameron, Mr. Chaney, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holt, Mr. Kearney\* and Mr. Turner.

• On leave.

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

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