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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1964.

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. Brimblecombe presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the pension increase of ten shillings proposed in the 1963 Budget be granted to all age, invalid and widow pensioners.
Petition received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Twelfth General Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1963.
Postmaster-General's Department—
Fifty-third Annual Report, for year 1962–63.
Auditor-General's Report on Post Office Commercial Accounts, for year 1962–63.
5. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian National University Act 1946–1963*, this House elects Mr. Beazley and Mr. J. M. Fraser to be members of the Council of the Australian National University for a period of three years from this day.
Question—put and passed.
6. INDEPENDENCE OF KENYA AND ZANZIBAR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in December last the Commonwealth Parliament had presented a sand-glass to the Parliament of Kenya and a desk set to the Parliament of Zanzibar to mark the granting of independence to those countries.
7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) making his speech without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Lindsay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
3rd March, 1963—Message—
No. 1—Ministers of State 1964.
No. 2—Public Service 1964.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 3rd March, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 21.
 Customs Tariff—Orders—
 Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 18.
 Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 126, 127, 128.
 Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 157, 158, 159, 160.
 Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 22.
 Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (6).
 Gift Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 23.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for posts and telegraph purposes—
 Croydon, Victoria.
 Layard, Victoria.
 Warrnambool, Victoria.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Air—F. J. de Waard.
 Immigration—B. A. J. Arens.
 Prime Minister—J. P. Symes.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. F. Cairns, Mr. Downer, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Uren.

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