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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Courtney presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government immediately grant a basic pension rate of £8 10s. per week, formulate a national housing plan for low rental homes for pensioners and provide all pensioners within the permissible income with the medical entitlement card.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar petitions were presented by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Daly and Mr. Curtin, and were severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. DC 6B AIRLINER INCIDENT, MELBOURNE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning an incident at Melbourne yesterday involving a DC 6B airliner, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—  
DC 6B Airliner Incident, Melbourne—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PASTORAL LEASES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Nelson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Minister's invitation to pastoral lessees in the Northern Territory to apply for the conversion of their leasehold titles to freehold title".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr. Nelson addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories) moved, That the business of the day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cockle	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Shaw
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Gibson	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bosman	Mr. England	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luccock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wilson
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Tellers:
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Howson
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Gray	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Benson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Devine	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Tellers:
Mr. Connor	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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6. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 1964.—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.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the following amendment was made:—Clause 9, page 6, line 29, omit “ Commonwealth ”, insert “ Commission ”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NO. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) (NO. 2) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) (NO. 2) BILLS 1964.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bills together read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*(In the committee.)*

Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1964—

Schedule—

Ordered to be considered by specified items.

Items 43, 51, 94 and 118 agreed to.

Item 175 debated and agreed to.

Items 176, 180, 181, 211, 232, 240 and 264 agreed to.

Item 280 debated and agreed to.

Item 321 agreed to.

Item 335 debated and agreed to.

Item 352 debated and agreed to.

Item 363 agreed to.

Item 367 debated and agreed to.

Items 368, 382 and 459 agreed to.

Item 460 debated and agreed to.

Item 463 agreed to.

Item 464 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Schedule agreed to.

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

Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) (No. 2) and Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 2) Bills 1964, by leave, taken as a whole together, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) be granted an extension of time.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 15th April, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1964—

No. 1—Companies 1963.

No. 2—Amendments Incorporation 1963.

No. 4—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) (No. 3) 1963.

No. 5—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) (No. 4) 1963.

No. 6—Papua and New Guinea Retirement Benefits 1963.

No. 7—Business Names 1963.

No. 9—Education (No. 2) 1963.

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- No. 10—Roads Maintenance (No. 2) 1963.  
No. 11—Workers' Compensation 1963.  
No. 12—Child Welfare 1963.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Civil Aviation—J. Campbell, D. A. Chittenden, D. J. Crawford, A. F. Frodsham, W. P.  
Holland, R. A. Lesley, R. St. J. Milroy-Hayes, W. D. O'Mahony.  
Territories—S. J. Rogers.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determination—1964—No. 27—  
Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Downer, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Pettitt.

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