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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1964.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Uren 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. O'Connor, Mr. L. H. Irwin, Mr. Benson and Mr. James, and were severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the notice standing in the name of the honorable Member for Moreton being proceeded with forthwith.
Question—put and passed.
5. FLUORIDATION OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY WATER SUPPLY—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Killen moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) (a) That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the advisability of introducing fluoride into the water supply of the Australian Capital Territory.
 - (b) That the committee consist of seven Members, four to be appointed by the Prime Minister and three to be appointed by the Leader of the Opposition.
 - (c) That every appointment of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
 - (d) That the Chairman be one of the Members appointed by the Prime Minister.
 - (e) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum.
 - (f) That any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to the report of the committee.
 - (g) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during any adjournment of the House and to adjourn from place to place.
 - (h) That the committee report to the House as soon as possible.
 - (i) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
 - (2) That pending the presentation of the committee's report to the House, all work associated with any scheme for the introduction of fluoride into the water supply of the Australian Capital Territory, cease forthwith.
 Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Anthony—Minister for the Interior), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment made by the House in the following Bill:—
16th April, 1964—Message No. 11—Weights and Measures (National Standards) 1964.

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7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STAGE TWO, LAND RESEARCH AND REGIONAL SURVEY LABORATORIES FOR COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, BLACK MOUNTAIN, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1960*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Proposed erection of stage two of the Land Research and Regional Survey Laboratories for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Black Mountain, Australian Capital Territory.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
8. STAGE TWO, DARWIN HIGH SCHOOL—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 1913–1960*, 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:—Proposed construction of stage two of the Darwin High School, Northern Territory.
Question—put and passed.
9. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE.—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.
10. STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Mackay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
11. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 9 AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) PROPOSALS NO. 5.—
Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—
Customs Tariff Proposals No. 9; and
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals No. 5.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Galvin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
12. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Phosphorus and its derivatives.
Ordered to be printed.
13. STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Hallett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
14. MALAYSIA—DEFENCE ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of a decision by the Government to furnish further military aid to Malaysia.
15. CEREALS AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to an agreement on cereals and cereal by-products made between the Australian and United Kingdom Governments, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:—
Cereals Agreement between Australia and United Kingdom—
Exchange of letters, dated 15th April, 1964, between Australia and the United Kingdom constituting the Agreement.
Schedule of minimum import prices of wheat and coarse grains and certain cereal products and by-products.
Ministerial statement, 16th April, 1964—
and moved, That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
16. STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) 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.
Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 10, dated 9th April, 1964, 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.

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(In the committee.)

Clause 1—

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.

17. **COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1964.**—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads and to Works connected with Transport. Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
18. **WOOL INDUSTRY BILL 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the finances of the Australian Wool Board and to the Wool Research Trust Fund. 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.
19. **WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 1) 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Shorn Wool produced in Australia and sold by a Wool-Broker. 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.
20. **WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Shorn Wool produced in Australia and purchased by a Registered Wool-Dealer from a person other than a Wool-Broker. 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.
21. **WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 3) 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Shorn Wool produced in Australia and purchased by a Manufacturer from a person other than a Wool-Broker or a Registered Wool-Dealer. 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.
22. **WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 4) 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Shorn Wool produced in Australia and subjected by a Manufacturer to a process of manufacture. 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.
23. **WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 5) 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Shorn Wool produced in, and exported from, Australia. 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.
24. **WOOL TAX (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Payment and Collection of Wool Tax. 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.
25. **WOOL TAX LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal certain Wool Tax Legislation, and for other purposes. 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.

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26. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Cameron rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Howson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

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

NOES, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Gray	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Collard	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Devine	Mr. Jones	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Webb	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Downer, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Pettitt.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.