THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 5TH MAY, 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. ANGAS AND PARRAMATTA ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—ISSUE OF WRITS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue writs, on Friday, the 8th May, for the election of Members to serve for the Electoral Divisions of Angas, in the State of South Australia and Parramatta, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of the Honorable Alexander Russell Downer and the Honorable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick, Q.C., respectively. The dates in connexion with both elections would be fixed as follows:—

Date of nomination Thursday, 28th May, 1964.
Date of polling Saturday, 20th June, 1964.

Date of return of writ On or before Saturday, 25th July, 1964.

- 3. Petition.—Mr. G. D. Erwin 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.
- 4. MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Merzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the resignation of Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Hasluck, formerly Minister for Defence, had been appointed Minister for External Affairs and that Senator Paltridge had been appointed Minister for Defence in addition to continuing, for the time being, to hold the Civil Aviation portfolio Senator Paltridge would be represented in this House on defence matters by Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply).
- 5. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
- 6. Paper.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—Wheat Research Act—Sixth Annual Report, for 1963.
- 7. Messages from the Governor-General—Assent to Bills.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

23rd April, 1964—Message No. 12—

New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1964.

Tasmania Grant (Gordon River Road) 1964.

- 4th May, 1964—Message No. 13—Weights and Measures (National Standards) 1964.
- 8. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ANSETT COMPANIES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Cameron had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The preferential treatment given by the Government to the Ansett group of companies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support-

Mr. Cameron addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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9. Message from the Governor-General, Proposed Additional Expenditure 1963-64—Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1963-64.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 14, dated 5th May, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue and application, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of an additional sum for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and to appropriate that sum.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt 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.

10. Message from the Governor-General, Proposed Additional Expenditure for Works and Services 1963-64—Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill (No. 2) 1963-64.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 15, dated 5th May, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue and application, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of an additional sum for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other

Services involving Capital Expenditure, and to appropriate that sum.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt 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.

11. Message from the Governor-General, Proposed Interim Provision for Expenditure, 1964-65—Supply Bill 1964-65.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 16, dated 5th May, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of the proposed interim provision for expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government in respect of the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt 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.

12. Message from the Governor-General.—Supply (Special Expenditure) Bill 1964-65.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 17, dated 5th May, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, other than expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the Government.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, other than expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the Government.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt 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. Commonwealth Aid Roads 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. Devine), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

14. Homes Savings Grant Bill 1964.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to assist Young Married Persons to purchase or build their own Homes. Bill read a first time.

Mr. Bury moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15. Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Bill 1964.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Stabilization of Returns to Growers of Certain Dried Vine Fruits.

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.

16. DRIED VINE FRUITS CONTRIBUTORY CHARGES BILL 1964.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose Contributory Charges upon certain Dried Vine Fruits. 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.

17. DRIED VINE FRUITS CONTRIBUTORY CHARGES (COLLECTION) BILL 1964.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Payment and Collection of the Charges imposed by the Dried Vine Fruits Contributory Charges Act 1964.

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.

18. DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION BILL 1964 .-- Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion Act 1958-1963.

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. PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL 1964.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Processed Milk Products Bounty Act 1962-1963. 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. DAIRY PRODUCE LEVY BILL 1964.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Dairy Produce Levy Act 1958.

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. Messages from the Senate.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:-

5th May, 1964-Message-

No. 24-Customs Tariff 1964.

No. 25—Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1964.

No. 26—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 1) 1964. No. 27—Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1964.

No. 28-Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1964.

No. 29-Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) (No. 2) 1964.

No. 30—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 2) 1964.

22. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question--put and passed.

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

5th May, 1964.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 5th May, 1964, pursuant to statute— Lands Acquisition Act-Land, &c., acquired for-

Civil Aviation purposes—Brisbane Airport, Queensland.

Lighthouse purposes—Evans Island, South Australia.

Postal purposes

Booloumba (Parish of Cambroon, County of Lennox), Queensland.

Bowral, New South Wales.

Caltowie, South Australia.

MacDonald Hill, South Australia.

Melrose, South Australia.

Mount Edwards, South Australia.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1964-

No. 16—Native Administration Ordinance 1940 Repeal.

No. 17—Darwin Hospital Advisory Board Ordinance 1963 Repeal. No. 18—Spear-Guns Control.

Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinances-1964-

No. 13-Coroners 1963.

No. 14—Anatomy 1963. No. 15—Land (Tenure Conversion) 1963. No. 17—Papua and New Guinea Harbours Board 1963.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Navy-L. J. Tuohy.

Primary Industry-S. A. Djemal.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1964—

No. 28—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 29—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and

No. 30-Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Cockle, Mr. Courtnay, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Uren.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.