

1964.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 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.—Petitions 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 were presented by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Peters.
Petitions severally received.
Mr. Uren 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 and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr. Hansen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Devine and Mr. Bryant, and were severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1962–63.
Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Forty-first Annual Report, for year 1962–63.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Sixty-sixth Report—The Reports of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1962–63—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That government business be postponed until after notice No. 1, general business.
7. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—LACK OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That the Attorney-General lacks the confidence of the House because he deliberately misled it while purporting to give it official information in his position as Attorney-General and as Minister in charge of security when, as he subsequently admitted, his statements were based solely on a report which appeared in the Communist newspaper *Tribune* and which even then he quoted incorrectly.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
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, 63.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Shaw
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bate	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bosman	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Sir Robert Menzies	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Howson
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. King	Mr. Robinson	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Webb
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. Peters	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Devine	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Collard	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Jones

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
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And so it was negatived.

8. COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF ROADS BILL 1964.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Establish a Commonwealth Bureau of Roads. Bill read a first time.
Mr. Freeth moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—WORKS AT CAIRNS AIRPORT.—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 lengthening and strengthening of the existing runway and strengthening of the apron and taxiways at the Cairns Airport, Queensland.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
10. KATHERINE–WILLEROO–TOP SPRINGS ROAD, NORTHERN TERRITORY—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 that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Katherine–Willeroo–Top Springs Road, Northern Territory.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
11. MIGRATION BILL 1964.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Opperman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Galvin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
13. PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY BILL 1964.—The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) 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 a later hour this day.

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14. **EXPLOSIVES 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply), the Bill was read a third time.
15. **DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That the following Tariff Proposals, being part of order of the day No. 13, government business, be discharged—
Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 to 6;
Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) Proposals No. 1;
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals Nos. 1 to 4; and
Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) Proposals No. 1.
Question—put and passed.
16. **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 15.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 15.
Debate adjourned (Mr. J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
17. **PAPERS.**—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—
Caterpillar tractor-scrappers (by-law).
Fluorocarbons.
Phthalate plasticisers (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Sewing machines.
Shipbuilding; together with correspondence between the Minister for Trade and Industry and the Chairman of the Tariff Board in connexion with the report.
Severally ordered to be printed.
18. **CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY 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. 30, dated 13th May, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
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.
19. **SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY 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. 31, dated 19th May, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
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.
20. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.**—Mr. G. D. Erwin brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in November last, recommends that the following be printed:—

Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Report and Recommendations to the Postmaster-General on Applications for Commercial Television Licences in Upper Namoi, South Western Slopes and Eastern Riverina, Grafton-Kempsey, Upper Murray, Wide Bay and Spencer Gulf North Areas.

Australian Meat Board Selection Committee—Constitution.

Christmas Island—Report for year 1962–63.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1962–63.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Report by Commonwealth Railways Commissioner, for year 1962–63.

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Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission
—Seventh Annual Report by President, for year ended 13th August, 1963.
Inter-Parliamentary Union—52nd Conference held at Belgrade, September, 1963—Report
of the Australian Delegation.
Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru
for year 1962–63.
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1962–63.
Public Works Committee Act—Twenty-eighth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing
Committee on Public Works.
“ Resolving Senate—House Deadlocks in Australia ” by George Howatt.

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Chairman.

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Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

21. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
22. PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY 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 by Mr. Luchetti who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ the House is of opinion that the Government should—
(a) take the lead in the search for oil in Australian Territories;
(b) seek the co-operation of the Governments of the States in a joint governmental search for oil;
(c) greatly expand the activities of the Bureau of Mineral Resources in mapping, geological and geophysical surveys and in drilling for oil; and
(d) implement a planned development of the nation’s fuel resources ”.
Debate continued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
23. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
20th May, 1964—Message—
No. 49—Apple and Pear Organization 1964.
No. 50—Processed Milk Products Bounty 1964.
No. 51—Dairy Produce Levy 1964 (*without requests*).
No. 52—Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion 1964.
No. 53—Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization 1964.
No. 54—Dried Vine Fruits Contributory Charges 1964 (*without requests*).
No. 55—Dried Vine Fruits Contributory Charges (Collection) 1964.
No. 56—Acts Interpretation 1964.
No. 57—Evidence 1964.
No. 58—State and Territorial Laws and Records Recognition 1964.
No. 59—Rules Publication 1964.
No. 60—Mint Employees 1964.
No. 61—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1964.
24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
25. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
26. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 20th May, 1964, pursuant to statute—
Customs Tariff—Orders—

Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 19.

Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 136, 137.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 168.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 58.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Benson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fox, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Fulton and Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.