THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

TUESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1964.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that he would act as Treasurer during the absence abroad of Mr. Holt and that he would be assisted in that capacity by Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army).
 - Sir Robert Menzies also informed the House that Mr. Fairhall and Senator Henty would shortly undertake overseas visits. During the absence of Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) would act as Minister for Supply and Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) would represent in this House the Minister for Defence, and during the absence of Senator Henty, Senator Paltridge would act as Minister for Civil Aviation.
- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
- 4. Papers.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1963-64.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1963-64.

Tobacco Industry Act—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1963-64.

5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr. Beazley had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need to protect the interests of Central Australian Aborigines induced to leave their tribal lands for inadequately prepared Government settlements".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support-

Mr. Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Beazley, by leave, again addressed the House.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Bate rising to address the House-

Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

6. Repatriation 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. Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

And then the House, at seven 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 1st September, 1964, pursuant

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for tobacco industry research purposes—Ashford, New South Wales.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, Nos. 103, 104.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1963-64.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allen, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Courtnay, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Holt, Mr. King, Sir John McLeay and Mr. Uren.

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