THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

WEDNESDAY, 7th APRIL, 1965.

- 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. Petition.—Mr. Hayden presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government (1) instruct its representative at the United Nations to condemn the French Government's proposal to test nuclear weapons in the Pacific, (2) again protest directly to the French Government with a view to cancellation of the tests and (3) use all appropriate means at its disposal to obtain an extension to the treaty to cover underground tests. Petition received and read.
- 3. Questions.—Questions without notice were asked.
- 4. World Health Day—Ministerial Statement.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that to-day was being observed as World Health Day throughout countries which are members of the World Health Organization and was being used this year to focus attention on the dangers of smallpox.
- 5. METRIC MEASURING IN RELATION TO PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the adoption of the metric system for the prescription and dispensing of medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and informed the House that the 1st May, 1965, had been selected as the date for the changeover to this system.
- 6. ACCOMMODATION BLOCKS AT H.M.A.S. CERBERUS, VICTORIA—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:—Construction of Barracks Blocks for Junior Ratings at H.M.A.S. Cerberus, Westernport, Victoria.

 Question—put and passed.
- 7. Homes Savings Grant Bill 1965.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the clauses be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 43.						
Mr. Barnard Mr. Beaton Mr. Beazley Mr. Benson Mr. Birrell Mr. Bryant Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Collard Mr. Connor Mr. Cope Mr. Courtnay Mr. Curtin Mr. Daly Mr. Davies	Mr. Galvin Mr. Gray Mr. Griffiths Mr. Hansen Mr. Harding Mr. Harrison Mr. Hayden	Mr. Jones Mr. Luchetti Mr. McIvor Mr. Minogue Mr. Mortimer Mr. Nicholls Mr. Peters	Mr. Riordan Mr. Sexton Mr. Stewart Mr. Webb Mr. Whitlam Tellers:		
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts		
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie		
Noes, 63.						
Mr. Adermann Mr. Allan Mr. Anthony Mr. Armstrong Mr. Barnes Mr. Bate Mr. Bosman Mr. Bowen Mr. Bridges-Maxwell Mr. Buchanan Mr. Bury Mr. K. M. K. Cairns Mr. Chaney	Mr. Chipp Mr. Cleaver Mr. Cockle Sir J. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Drury Mr. England Mr. G. D. Erwin Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Forbes Mr. Fox	Mr. J. M. Fraser Mr. Gibbs Mr. Gibson Mr. Giles Mr. Hallett Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Holt Mr. Holten Mr. Howson Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Jack Mr. Jess Mr. Kelly Sir W. Kent Hughes Mr. Killen Mr. Lindsay Mr. Mackay Mr. Mackinnon Mr. Maisey Mr. McMahon Mr. Nixon Mr. Opperman Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Shaw Mr. Sinclair Mr. Snedden Mr. Stokes Mr. Swartz Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Whittorn Mr. Wilson Tellers: Mr. Aston Mr. Turnbull		

And so it was negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 7—

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

		Ayes 45.			
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	
Mr. Benson	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Mortimer		
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harding	Mr. Nicholls		
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Peters		
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Reynolds		
Mr. Clark	Mr. Devine	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Coutts	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie	
Noes, 63.					
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Shaw	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Jack	Mr. Sinclair	
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Jess	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibson	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Barnes	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Giles	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. King	Mr. Turner	
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth	
Mr. Bowen	Mr. England	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Whittorn	
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey		
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howsom	Mr. McMahon	Tellers:	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Nixon	Mr. Kelly	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turnbull	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. Customs Tariff (No. 1), Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) and Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bills 1965.—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. 1) 1965—

First Schedule debated.

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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to eleven 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 7th April, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Railways Act—By-law No. 96.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for broadcasting purposes—Emerald, Queensland.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Cross, Mr. Failes, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Uren*.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.