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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 80.

THURSDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1965.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Turner presented a petition from nineteen electors of the division of Bradfield praying that the Australian Government seek to persuade the United States of America to agree to an immediate cease-fire in Vietnam so that a negotiated settlement may be reached under the auspices of a reconvened Geneva Conference.
Petition received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1963-64.
Northern Territory—Report for year 1963-64.
5. DECENTRALIZATION—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Beaton moved, pursuant to notice, That this House notes with grave concern—
 - (1) The abnormal concentration of nearly 60 per cent. of Australia's population in the five mainland State capitals.
 - (2) The overwhelming concentration of defence and other key industries in Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle and Port Kembla.
 - (3) The serious social problems confronting country communities as the result of lack of employment opportunities for young men and women leaving school.
 - (4) That more than one-third of the total population of Australia is centred in Sydney and Melbourne, and recommends to the Government as a matter of extreme urgency in the interests of balanced development and defence that—
 - (a) a joint parliamentary committee consisting of Government and Opposition Members from both Houses be appointed to enquire into and report on the best means by which the Commonwealth, by co-operation with the States and local government, may secure more balanced development of population, industry, communications and administration;
 - (b) the committee make recommendations in regard to—
 - (i) those industries which should be established in provincial, country and northern areas;
 - (ii) concessions in individual, company, sales or other taxation to encourage such industries;
 - (iii) other concessions and assistance;
 - (iv) government investment either alone or jointly with private investment to develop or establish such industries;
 - (v) communications, housing, transport, water, power, light and fuel;
 - (vi) the decentralization of government administration;
 - (vii) education, medical and other facilities in decentralized areas; and
 - (viii) any related matters which in the opinion of the committee will assist in obtaining more balanced developments; and
 - (c) the committee be empowered to call evidence from any person, organization or authority it sees fit.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Mr. Duthie moved, That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

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Question—put.

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

AYES, 33.				
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Collard	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Benson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fulton	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
NOES, 53.				
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Gibson	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. England	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Barnes	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bowen	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holten	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jess	Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Aston
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6. RESTRAINTS UPON PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Turner:—That this House condemns the action of persons and organizations having no direct responsibility to the Australian electorate in issuing instructions to elected Members of the Australian Parliament that they refrain from publicly expressing views held by them on issues affecting the safety of this country—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Duthie moved, That Mr. Whitlam be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Whittorn
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Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jess	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7. JURY EXEMPTION BILL 1965.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Exempt certain Persons from Liability to serve as Jurors.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Snedden 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.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1965.—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 (Acting Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

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10. ALIENS BILL 1965.—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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Bury (Acting Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. TERTIARY EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister):—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on the 24th March, 1965*), viz.:—
Tertiary Education in Australia—
Report of Committee on the Future of Tertiary Education in Australia to the Australian Universities Commission (Volumes I and II), and
Report of Committee—Ministerial statement, 24th March, 1965—
And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. J. F. Cairns, viz.:—That the following words be added to the motion:—“but regrets (1) the Government’s rejection of the Martin Committee’s recommendations on scholarships, teacher education and scientific and social research, (2) the imprecision of the Committee and the Government in their outline of non-university tertiary institutions, and (3) the Government’s continuing refusal to establish a Ministry of Education and to hold a national enquiry into education”—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
12. VIETNAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding Vietnam and informed the House of the Government’s decision to provide an infantry battalion for service in South Vietnam. Sir Robert Menzies also informed the House of the text of a message received from President Johnson of the United States of America regarding the Government’s decision. Sir Robert Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Vietnam—Ministerial statement, 29th April, 1965.
Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
13. INDIA—DRAWING FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND—FURTHER AUSTRALIAN CONTRIBUTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Robert Menzies (Acting Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of a further contribution made by Australia towards an additional drawing by India from the International Monetary Fund.
14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported—
(a) acquainting the House of the appointment of a Senator to the following committee:—
29th April, 1965—Message No. 147—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senator Webster in place of Senator Drake-Brockman, discharged.
(b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment, disagreed to by the House:—
29th April, 1965—Message No. 148—Housing Loans Insurance 1965.
15. TERTIARY EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED.—
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Debate resumed.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the House take note of the papers—put and passed,

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16. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:—

11. Commonwealth Education Conference (Third)—Reports—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Papers—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the papers.
17. Australian Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
19. Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
20. Meat Export Marketing—Ministerial Statement and Agreement with United States of America—Motion to take note of Papers—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the papers.
21. DC6B Airliner Incident, Melbourne—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
22. Cereals Agreement between Australia and United Kingdom—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Papers—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the papers.
23. SEATO Council of Ministers—Ninth Meeting—Ministerial Statement and Communiqué—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
24. Commonwealth Secondary School Scholarships—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 29th April, 1965, pursuant to statute—

- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 45.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for postal purposes—Menangle, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Allan, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bate, Mr. Bosman, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Connor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Davies, Mr. Davis, Mr. Devine, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. King, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Uren*.

* On leave.

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