THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 95.

THURSDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 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. Uren presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Australian Government withdraw our troops from, and call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in, Vietnam, and through world leaders seek a conference of conflicting parties aimed at permanent peace and self-determination of the Vietnamese people based on the principles of the 1954 Geneva Accords. Petition received and read.
- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
- 4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—

Papua—Report for year 1963-64.

5. TELEPHONE SERVICES—METHODS OF FINANCING—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Crean moved, pursuant to notice, That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the methods by which the working and capital expenses of the nation's telephone services can be most fairly and efficiently met.

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.
- Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m. Debate continued.
- 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.
- 6. Committee of Privileges.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That the Committee of Privileges, when considering the matter referred to it on the 18th August, 1965, have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Question—put and passed.

7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 18TH AUGUST, 1965, AND PAPER—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 Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs):—That the House take note of the papers (presented on the 18th August, 1965), viz.:—

Foreign Affairs-Ministerial statement, 18th August, 1965.

Department of External Affairs Information Handbook No. 1 of 1965—Studies on Vietnam—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House regrets statements made by the Prime Minister which disclose his Government's desire to seek a solution to the conflict in Vietnam by military means alone. The House urges the Government to strive for a cease fire now, to be policed by a United Nations peace-keeping force, and for a conference of all parties directly involved, including representatives of both the Government in Saigon and the Viet Cong, to seek a settlement which will end the agony of the Vietnamese people, and establish their right to choose their own Government"—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches.—Mr. Hasluck moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Whitlam each speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Paper.—Sir Robert Menzies, during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:—Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, 1965—Final Communique.

Debate continued.

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Paper.-Mr. Wentworth, during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:-

Copy of letter dated 18th July, 1965, from Minister for External Affairs to W. C. Wentworth, Esq., M.P., containing extract from book "Mandate for Change" by President Eisenhower. Debate continued.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

		Ayes, 62.		
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. King	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Giles	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bosman	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowen	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pettitt	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Shaw	Mr. Turnbull
		Noes, 46.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtnay	Мг. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cross	Mт. Hansen	Mr. Mortimer	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Tellers:
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Connor	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

		Ayes, 62.		
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Mr. Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer		Mr. Lucock	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 19th August, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, Nos. 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr. Sexton.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.