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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Repatriation Department—A. J. Clark, A. R. Turner.
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal No. 1—Report for year 1953–54.
Whaling Industry Act—Australian Whaling Commission—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1st April, 1953, to 31st March, 1954.
3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION'S PROJECT, BELL BAY, TASMANIA.—Mr. Barnard having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need of a full public inquiry into the administration of the Aluminium Production Commission's project at Bell Bay, Tasmania, and into the over-expenditure of public moneys in connexion therewith, particularly from 1949 to 1952"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Barnard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McCalm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon		

NOES, 47.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 23rd September, 1954.

14th October, 1954.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Menzies then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to certain States for the purposes of Housing.

Canberra, 23rd September, 1954.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to certain States for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Kent Hughes and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Kent Hughes then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14th October, 1954.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1954.— Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General—
W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the Expending of those Moneys.

Canberra, 2nd September, 1954.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient than an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the Expending of those Moneys.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Kent Hughes and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Kent Hughes then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. MEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1954.—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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

12. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1954.—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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1954.—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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

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Clause 7 debated—

Mr. T. P. Burke addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Luceck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck		Mr. Gullett

NOES, 34.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fuller	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. E. James
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb	Harrison
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Morgan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. Luceck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 37.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. E. James
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Harrison

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brown	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay		

NOES, 36.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Costa
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests :—
14th October, 1954—*Message No. 11*—Meat Export Charge 1954.

15. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) on the 18th August, 1954 (*see* page 29).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Eric Harrison and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

17. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1954.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) then brought up the following Bills :—

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1953 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1953 " ;

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a first time.

Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were read a third time.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Tuck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brand	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Brown		Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	

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Noes, 37.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremeau	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies*, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Robertson* and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.