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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, MANGALORE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the accident to the Vickers Viscount Airliner which occurred at Mangalore, Victoria, on the 31st October.
3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement on international affairs with special reference to the sovereignty of Dutch New Guinea, proposals for disarmament, the progress of the Colombo Plan, and the Western European Community. Mr. Casey then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 2nd November, 1954—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) was given leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts for the year 1953-54.  
Ordered to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report—Sulphur and Sulphuric Acid.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1953-54, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Civil Aviation—K. J. Darby.  
Supply—R. K. Battersby, P. A. Bridgewater, J. R. Disher, D. Fairbairn, G. G. Germer, R. A. Halliday, J. W. Johnson, W. Matley, H. F. McKenzie, E. H. Percy, M. S. Rutter, J. L. Smith, A. H. Segnit, A. L. Warren, W. N. T. Welch.  
Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Twenty-third Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1954.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—  
Sixteenth Report—Treasury Minutes on Reports of the 1952-54 Joint Committee of Public Accounts.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—  
29th October, 1954—*Message*—No. 19—  
War Pensions Appropriation (No. 2) 1954.  
Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1954.  
States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) 1954.  
Wine Overseas Marketing 1954.  
Wine Grapes Charges 1954.  
Papua and New Guinea 1954.

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7. COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS (REQUEST AND CONSENT) BILL 1954.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to request, and consent to, the Enactment by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of an Act enabling the Queen to place the Cocos or Keeling Islands under the Authority of the Commonwealth.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Casey 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. Casey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Sulphuric Acid.

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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.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Sulphuric Acid.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Eric Harrison 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 Mr. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Eric Harrison 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.

Sir Eric Harrison 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.

9. CUSTOMS 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 Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. RAYON YARN BOUNTY 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. Townley (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. FLAX FIBRE BOUNTY 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.

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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. Townley (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD TO MARREE (CONVERSION TO STANDARD GAUGE) RAILWAY 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.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All the Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drury, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Mullens.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*