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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Stevedoring Industry Act 1954—Interim Report by Committee of Inquiry, dated 28th February, 1956.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement concerning matters arising from the Report.
Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the Report.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—M. J. Wilkinson.
3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.
Mr. Deputy Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Grayndler (Mr. Daly), owing to his absence from Australia.
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That the Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.
Question—That the Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. MEAT EXPORT (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) BILL 1956.—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. Deputy 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. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. MEAT AGREEMENT (DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS) BILL 1956.—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—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MEAT AGREEMENT (DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS) BILL 1956.—
Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

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 amend the *Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) Act 1955*.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) Act 1955*.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McMahon, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

9. MEAT AGREEMENT (DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS) BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House again 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. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. FISHERIES BILL 1956.—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. Deputy 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. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence Production—T. Barnes, K. F. Findlay.
Supply—D. C. Cullinan.

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12. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 22nd February, 1956*], viz. :—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 22nd February, 1956—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past ten 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. Brand, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Daly*, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. McColm, Mr. Russell, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.