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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Casey, Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) would act as Minister for External Affairs and Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.
3. WENTWORTH ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ on Wednesday, the 7th November next, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wentworth, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the Right Honorable Sir Eric Harrison, resigned. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows :—
 

Date of Nomination	.. .. .	Thursday, 22nd November, 1956.
Date of Polling	.. .. .	Saturday, 8th December, 1956.
Date of Return of Writ	.. .. .	On or before Saturday, 19th January, 1957.
4. POLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Philip McBride (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to recent events in Poland affecting the leadership of the Polish Communist Party, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 

Poland—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Agricultural development purposes—Northern Territory.  
Postal purposes—Geelong, Victoria.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination dated 1st October, 1956.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Defence Production—R. C. Gill, K. R. Ryan.  
Labour and National Service—P. M. Donnelly, M. S. Rogers.  
Postmaster-General—T. C. Wollaston.  
Shipping and Transport—P. W. T. Hester, R. A. Line.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—
 

19th October, 1956—*Message*—  
No. 68—Defence 1956.  
No. 69—Air Force 1956.  
No. 70—Wool Products Bounty Act Repeal 1956.  
No. 71—Distillation 1956.  
No. 72—War Pensions Appropriation 1956.  
No. 73—Loan (Housing) 1956.
7. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1956.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Arthur Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1956.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement relating to Sugar made between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. McMahon 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. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Edmonds), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of next week.  
Question—put and passed.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That, in lieu of the rate imposed by the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947-1954*, the rate of the charge in respect of the employment of waterside workers on and after the thirtieth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, be One shilling and sevenpence for every man-hour of employment.  
Question—put and passed.  
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.  
Mr. Holt 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. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Holt and Mr. Osborne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947-1954’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Holt 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.
12. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 7) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 4).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 7).

[See proposed Resolution of the 30th August, 1956 (page 267).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise), preliminary paragraphs 1 and 2 were omitted, and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof:—

“That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1933-1956* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff 1933-1956* as so amended.”

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

## EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 4).

[See proposed Resolution of the 30th August, 1956 (page 267).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the preliminary paragraph was omitted, and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof:—

“That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921-1956* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at five o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff 1921-1956* as so amended.”

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

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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.  
Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Sir Arthur Fadden do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

14. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 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. 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. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17. SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 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. 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. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. LOANS SECURITIES 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.

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The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 39.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

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

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Davidson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 30.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor		

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 seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow 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. Casey, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan\* and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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