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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1957.

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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report for period 1st July, 1953 to 30th June, 1955.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Twenty-fourth Annual Report and Financial Statement, for year 1955–56.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1957—

No. 2—Lunacy.

No. 3—Judiciary.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1956—

No. 36—Appropriation (No. 3) 1955–56.

No. 37—Papua and New Guinea Copra Industry Stabilization.

No. 38—Adoption of Children.

No. 39—Cemeteries.

No. 40—Girl Guides Association (Papua and New Guinea).

No. 41—The National Revival Church Mission.

No. 42—Ordinances Interpretation.

No. 43—Customs Tariff (Papua).

No. 44—Customs Tariff (New Guinea).

No. 45—Excise.

No. 46—Customs.

No. 47—Excise Tariff.

No. 48—Stamp Duties.

No. 49—Public Service.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—J. Rosenberger.

National Development—A. D. Haldane.

Shipping and Transport—B. Huisman.

Works—K. E. Berzins, R. Buczacky, F. Devenyi, K. Frey, G. Mason.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolutions which were agreed to by the Senate this day :—

(1) That Senators Kennelly, McKenna, O'Sullivan and Wright be members of the proposed Joint Committee to examine problems of Constitutional Change.

(2) That Senator O'Sullivan be Chairman of the proposed Joint Committee.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th March, 1957.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Lighthouses Act 1911–1955 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. MCMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th March, 1957.

Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BEER EXCISE BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Beer Excise Act 1901–1951 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. MCMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th March, 1957.

Mr. McMahon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Excise Act 1901–1952 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. MCMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th March, 1957.

Mr. McMahon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIAN TIMBER INDUSTRY.—Mr. Barnard having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “ The failure of the Government to take adequate measures to protect the Australian timber industry ”—

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.

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 39.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,

2nd April, 1957.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for External Affairs making a Statement on Foreign Affairs.
Question—put and passed.
9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—TIME FOR SPEECHES.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) and Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) each speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes in connexion with the Statement on Foreign Affairs.
Question—put and passed.
10. COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1957.—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.)

Clause 1—

Progress 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1957.—Mr. 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 *Cotton Bounty Act 1951-1955*.
Canberra, 20th March, 1957.

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. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951-1955*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

12. COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of 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. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1957.—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. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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14. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the situation in the Middle East and in South and South-East Asia, the Colombo Plan, and the South-East Asia Treaty Organization. Mr. Casey then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 2nd April, 1957—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt 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, 61.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	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 six 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. Brand, Mr. Chambers, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Jack, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McColm, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wilson.

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