

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD 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—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Postmaster-General's Department—
 - Forty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1955-56.
 - Financial and Statistical Bulletin, for year 1955-56.
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 - Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement explaining the purpose of the Financial and Statistical Bulletin.
 - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Flax Industry Act—Flax Commission—Second Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1955-56.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 - Postal purposes—
 - Booral, New South Wales.
 - Como, New South Wales.
 - West Kempsey, New South Wales.
 - Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—Adaminaby, New South Wales.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Defence Production—A. J. Lepp.
 - Supply—M. J. Grimison, A. T. Roberts.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1957—
 - No. 13—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 14—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 15—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 16—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for North Sydney (Mr. Jack), owing to his absence from Australia.
Question—put and passed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Chambers) and the honorable Member for Kalgoorlie (Mr. H. V. Johnson), on the ground of ill health.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General. *Message No. 4.*

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 make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

Canberra, 19th March, 1957.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

3rd April, 1957.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

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 Mr. Townley 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. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) 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. BEER EXCISE BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McMahon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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. EXCISE BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McMahon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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. LOAN (QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS LIMITED) 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.)

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 Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) 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.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.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*, Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes, Mr. McColm, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wilson.

*On leave.

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