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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 9TH 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. AUSTRALIAN STEVEDORING INDUSTRY—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) laid upon the Table the following Papers :—  
 Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report on operations of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Board, together with financial accounts, for year 1955–56; Ministerial Statement by Minister for Labour and National Service regarding the Report of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—  
 and moved, That the Ministerial Statement be printed.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Mulyandry, New South Wales.  
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works—G. S. W. Buckfield, V. Georgiev.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—  
 Twenty-seventh Report—Department of the Interior : Acquisitions Programme ; together with Treasury Minutes on the Seventeenth and Twentieth Reports of the Committee.  
 Minutes of Evidence in connexion with the Twenty-seventh Report of the Committee.  
 Ordered—That the Report be printed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. A. D. Fraser), on the ground of ill health.  
 Question—put and passed.
6. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved—  
 (1) That Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Joske, Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Timson and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.  
 (2) That, until such time as the five remaining vacancies for Members of the House of Representatives on this Committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Failes, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight be members of the Committee.  
 (3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

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7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—TRANSPORT ANOMALIES.—Mr. Webb 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 any action in the direction of correcting the existing transport anomalies arising out of which an unnecessary and undue burden is continuously imposed on the national economy"—

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. Webb addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bird rising to address the House—

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)—

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—TRADE AGREEMENT, UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA.—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 Trade moving a motion in connexion with the Trade Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Australia.  
Question—put and passed.
9. 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 2nd April, 1957*], viz.:—  
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 2nd April, 1957—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Opperman), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
9th April, 1957—*Message No. 13*—Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) 1957.
11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia, signed at Canberra on the 26th February, 1957.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
12. TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO APPROVE.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That this House approves the Trade Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia signed at Canberra on the 26th February, 1957.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. C. R. Cameron each speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes on the motion to print the Ministerial Statement on International Affairs.  
Question—put and passed.

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14. 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 2nd April, 1957*], viz.:—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 2nd April, 1957—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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)—

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

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Makin	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	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 fourteen 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. Bruce, Mr. Chambers\*, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. A. D. Fraser\*, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Howson, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. H. V. Johnson\*, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McColm, Mr. Minogue, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Watkins.

\*On leave.

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