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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Life Insurance Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for 1956.  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report for year 1955–56.
3. RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. W. J. M. Campbell, Principal Parliamentary Reporter, would retire on the 12th April, and, having referred to his valuable service to the Parliament, wished him well in his retirement.  
Several honorable Members associated themselves and their Parties with the good wishes offered.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 30th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—COAL MINING INDUSTRY.—Mr. James 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 help in stabilizing the coal mining industry in New South Wales by encouraging the establishment of new industries including those using coal and by not taking other measures to prevent dismissals and unemployment and consequent dislocation of communities"—  
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. James addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr. Ward rising to address the House—  
Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MATRIMONIAL BILL.**—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 Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, being taken as next Business, and consequent motions being moved for the first and second readings of the Matrimonial Bill 1957.  
Question—put and passed.
7. **MATRIMONIAL BILL 1957.**—Mr. Joske moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Marriage and Matrimonial Causes and, in relation thereto, Parental Rights and the Custody of Infants.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Joske 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. Joske 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 the next sitting.
8. **EXCISE 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. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
9. **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF 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.  
Question—put and passed.
10. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—  
11th April, 1957—*Message*—  
No. 14—Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) 1957.  
No. 15—States Grants (Universities) 1957.
11. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—J. W. Harding, B. Marshall.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1957—  
No. 17—Australian Journalists' Association.  
No. 18—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Holt continuing his speech for five minutes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 30th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bate, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Chambers\*, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. A. D. Fraser\*, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. H. V. Johnson\*, Mr. L. R. Johnson, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McColm, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Minogue, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins.

\*On leave.

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