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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 30TH 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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Queenscliff, Victoria.
 - Department of the Interior purposes—Queensland.
 - Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1957—
 - No. 1—Contagious Diseases.
 - No. 4—Poisons and Dangerous Substances.
 - No. 5—Police Offences.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Attorney-General—G. E. Habel, R. H. P. Healey.
 - Civil Aviation—P. T. Fox.
 - Health—D. A. Grant, A. C. Ralph.
 - Postmaster-General—J. C. Lough.
 - Works—R. Punshon, F. V. Rennie.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
 - 15th April, 1957—*Message*—
 - No. 5—Trading with the Enemy 1957.
 - Removal of Prisoners (Territories) 1957.
 - Cotton Bounty 1957.
 - Lands Acquisition 1957.
 - No. 6—Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) 1957.
 - Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) 1957.
 - States Grants (Universities) 1957.
 - 24th April, 1957—*Message*—
 - No. 7—Apple and Pear Export Charges 1957.
 - No. 8—Lighthouses 1957.
 - Excise 1957.
 - Beer Excise 1957.
4. 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 Newcastle (Mr. Watkins), on the ground of ill health. Question—put and passed.
5. PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF CHANGES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, consequent upon the retirement of Mr. Campbell, Mr. O'Donnell had been promoted as Principal Parliamentary Reporter, Mr. Dale as Second Reporter, and Mr. Healy as Third Reporter.
6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—ROADS.—Mr. Bird 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 provide more funds to the States for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of roads"—
 - 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 rose accordingly.
 - Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the discussion being continued until five minutes to six o'clock p.m.
 - Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
 - Mr. Bird addressed the House.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - At five minutes to six o'clock p.m., the time allotted having expired, the discussion was terminated.

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7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.**—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. Pollard speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes on the motion to approve the Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia.
Question—put and passed.
8. **TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO APPROVE.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), 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 resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten 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. Bate, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davidson, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Jack*, Mr. H. V. Johnson*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McColm, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Watkins*.

*On leave.

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