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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 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. HUNGARY—REPORT ON PROBLEM—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Hungary—Problem of—Report by Mr. E. Gorman, Q.C.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Evatt was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

3. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Service Act 1951-1953*, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SULPHURIC ACID 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. 9.

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 *Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954*.

Canberra, 1st May, 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. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. Hasluck do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne 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.

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5. TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA—APPROVAL OF MOTION.—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.
Question—put and passed.
6. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ National Service Act 1951–1953 ’, and for purposes connected therewith* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. 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 Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, being proceeded with forthwith.
Question—put and passed.
8. MATRIMONIAL 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 by Mr. Whitlam who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be referred to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses of the Parliament because of its great importance, its far-reaching implications to all sections of the community, and the necessity for the widest possible prior consultation with child welfare and marriage guidance councils, churches, and social institutions vitally interested in the matters covered by the Bill ”.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Anthony, Mr. Bate, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Davidson, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, 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.