

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 2ND MAY, 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. SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Pearce moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. NATIONAL SERVICE 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. Haylen who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ because the compulsory training scheme is to all intents being abandoned by the reduction of annual intake of 33,000 to 12,000 youths, all of whom are to be drafted to the Army alone, and because youths are to be selected by a system of ballots, the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for the abolition of compulsory military training ”.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Stokes), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Act 1901–1954 ’, and for purposes connected therewith* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd May, 1957.

Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXPLOSIVES BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Explosives Act 1952'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd May, 1957.

Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Beale moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Haylen and Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) speaking for periods not exceeding 45 minutes and 30 minutes, respectively, on the motion to print the Ministerial Statement on Defence.
Question—put and passed.

8. DEFENCE—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. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 4th April, 1957*], viz.:—

Defence—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next 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. Bland, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Evatt, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Jack*, Mr. H. V. Johnson*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McColm, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins*.

*On leave.

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