

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

MONDAY, 20TH 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Beazley presented a Petition from certain citizens of Fremantle and electors of the Federal Division of Fremantle praying that the House take such steps as are possible to solve the unemployment problem of Western Australia.
Mr. Lawson presented a Petition from certain members of the Pensioners' League of Queensland praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage as the minimum.
Mr. Harrison presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Blaxland and others praying that the Parliament will give early consideration to the question of giving effect to the findings of the World Health Organization as embodied in its Third Report on Environmental Sanitation.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) informed the House that during the absence abroad of Sir Philip McBride, Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) would act as Minister for Defence.
4. ACTING LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—Mr. Calwell informed the House that in the absence overseas of Mr. Evatt, he would act as Leader of the Opposition.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Civil Aviation purposes—Hunters Hill, New South Wales.
Defence Production purposes—St. Marys, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—
Cooltong, South Australia.
Hobart, Tasmania.
Rita Island, Queensland.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Health—R. N. Nankivell, J. M. Woulfe.
Postmaster-General—D. C. Abbott, J. Smith.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1957—No. 22—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.
6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—PENSIONS AND BENEFITS.—Mr. Cope having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent necessity for the Government to grant immediate substantial increases in rates of pensions and benefits to alleviate widespread distress amongst aged, invalid, widowed and repatriation pensioners and recipients of other social services including the unemployed and the sick"—
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. Cope addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. Minogue rising to address the House—
Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.

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The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 32.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. James	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. COMMONWEALTH POLICE BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 7, before proposed sub-section (3.) insert the following sub-section:—

“(2A.) Sub-section (1.) of this section does not apply to a person included in a prescribed class of persons.”.

On the motion of Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Cramer, the House adopted the Report.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1956-57.—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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
20th May, 1957—*Message*—
No. 21—Papua and New Guinea 1957.
No. 22—Public Service 1957.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Ward rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Hasluck 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)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	NOES, 28.	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. McIvor		

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 thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bostock, Mr. Brand*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Evatt, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Turner and Mr. Watkins*.

*On leave.

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