

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1957.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 23rd May last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF WRIT (RICHMOND DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 12th July, of the honorable Member for Richmond (the Honorable Hubert Lawrence Anthony), and informed the House that he had, on the 1st August, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Richmond, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the deceased gentleman. The dates in connexion with the Election were fixed as follows:—  
Date of Nomination, Wednesday, 21st August, 1957.  
Date of Polling, Saturday, 14th September, 1957.  
Date of Return of Writ, on or before Saturday, 26th October, 1957.
3. DEATH OF MEMBER (THE HONORABLE H. L. ANTHONY).—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honorable H. L. Anthony, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Hubert Lawrence Anthony, a Member of this House for the Division of Richmond and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), Sir Earle Page and Mr. J. R. Fraser having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE A. S. DRAKEFORD.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 9th June, of the Honorable A. S. Drakeford, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Arthur Samuel Drakeford, a former Member of this House for the Division of Maribyrnong and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Stokes having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
5. DEATH OF SENATOR J. J. DEVLIN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 26th May, of Senator J. J. Devlin, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator John Joseph Devlin, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
7. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. PETITIONS.—Mr. Webb presented a Petition from certain citizens of Western Australia praying that early steps be taken to relieve the plight of the pensioner by increasing social service pensions to 50 per cent. of the Federal basic wage and granting to pensioners certain free medical and pharmaceutical benefits and increased funeral benefits.  
Mr. Calwell presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.  
Petitions severally received and read.

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Petitions from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage were presented by Mr. Erwin, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Davis, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Opperman.

Petitions severally received.

9. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan and related matters, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan, signed on the 6th July, 1957—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 22—Convocation Amendment No. 4.

No. 23—University House Amendment No. 1.

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Returns for years 1955–56 and 1956–57.

Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1956.

Courts-Martial Appeals Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 20.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—

Statutory Rules 1957, Nos. 17, 19, 33, 35, 36, 37.

Dairying Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 40.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, Nos. 16, 24, 42.

Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property)

Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a Vessel (5).

Immigration Act—Return for 1956.

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 39.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Civil Aviation purposes—

Mascot, New South Wales.

Mount Lawley, Western Australia.

Penshurst, New South Wales.

Pokolbin, New South Wales.

Queanbeyan, New South Wales.

Defence purposes—

Bringelly, New South Wales.

Denman, New South Wales.

Fremantle, Western Australia.

Glenfield, New South Wales.

Puckapunyal, Victoria.

Williamstown, Victoria.

Department of Air purposes—Garbutt (Townsville), Queensland.

Department of Customs and Excise purposes—Bunbury, Western Australia.

Department of Labour and National Service purposes—Leichhardt, New South Wales.

Postal purposes—

Boomanoomana, New South Wales.

Boorowa North, New South Wales.

Coradgery, New South Wales.

Corowa, New South Wales.

Deloraine, Tasmania.

Geranium, South Australia.

Heidelberg West, Victoria.

Kyeamba, New South Wales.

Newtown, New South Wales.

Rendelsham, South Australia.

Rookhurst, New South Wales.

Timbumburi, New South Wales.

Wesley Vale, Tasmania.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—

Adaminaby, New South Wales (3).

Cooma, New South Wales (2).

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 25.

National Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, Nos. 23, 28.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, Nos. 27, 31, 32.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination dated 12th July, 1957.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1957—No. 6—Post and Telegraph,

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## Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

## Ordinances—1957—

- No. 1—Health.
- No. 2—Mining Development.
- No. 3—Nurses and Midwives Registration.
- No. 4—Medical Practitioners Registration.
- No. 5—Buffaloes Control.
- No. 6—Food and Drugs.
- No. 7—Pharmacy.
- No. 8—Public Health.
- No. 9—Dentists Registration.
- No. 10—Hospitals and Medical Services.
- No. 11—Leprosy.
- No. 12—Endemic Diseases.
- No. 13—Stock Routes and Travelling Stock.
- No. 14—Buildings.
- No. 15—Dairies Supervision.
- No. 16—Justices.
- No. 17—Mines Regulation.
- No. 18—Police and Police Offences.
- No. 19—Mining.
- No. 20—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).

## Regulations—1957—

- No. 2 (Local Government Ordinance).
- No. 6 (Pearling Ordinance).
- Nos. 7, 8 and 9 (Welfare Ordinance).

## Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—

## 1956—No. 35—Appropriation 1956–57.

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- No. 1—Administration Employees' Compensation 1956.
- No. 2—Native Labour 1956.
- No. 3—Distillation 1956.
- No. 4—Appropriation (No. 2) 1956–57.
- No. 5—Legislative Council.
- No. 6—Excise Tariff.
- No. 7—Excise.
- No. 8—The Salvation Army (New South Wales) Property Trust.
- No. 9—Summer Institute of Linguistics.
- No. 10—Education.
- No. 11—Firearms.
- No. 12—Arbitration (Public Service).
- No. 13—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea).
- No. 14—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).
- No. 15—Excise (Beer).

## Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, Nos. 21, 38, 41.

## Public Service Act—

## Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—J. M. Burke, M. S. Burke, S. Freedman, I. R. Kellie, C. C. J. Kelly, W. H. J. Martin, J. W. Robinson, F. G. Wilson.

## Defence—B. Hay.

Defence Production—T. G. Barnes, B. A. Brown, H. F. Chandler, K. Cubbage, R. J. Evans, E. L. Field, A. R. Fien, K. J. Flynn, P. D. R. Haines, D. G. Harris, J. H. Hoerner, B. W. Lancaster, R. A. Liddell, C. M. J. Nelson, W. E. Simpson, A. J. Smith, D. J. Smyth, C. R. Spooner, R. W. Thorley, B. C. Tunstell, R. J. N. Walters, D. D. Wood, J. W. H. Woof, A. K. Wrigley.

External Affairs—G. G. Butler-Nixon, G. Clark, F. R. Dalrymple, R. J. Greet, F. W. S. Milne, R. D. Sturkey.

Health—E. P. Brennan, G. A. Chandler, T. F. Cook, R. K. Howard.

Interior—R. L. Dowden.

National Development—C. D. Branch, R. Bryan, D. H. Green, K. K. Hughes.

Postmaster-General—W. Bayley, R. W. Cupit, W. S. Davies, L. S. Davis, W. D. Eccleston, J. P. Gal, E. W. Grosvenor, B. F. James, T. D. John, R. J. Lockley, N. Maxfield, R. C. Mills, J. S. Pigdon, K. Priivald, J. Rubas, R. Summarsell, R. Tarpey, P. J. Webster, R. W. Willis, G. F. Wilmshire, J. G. Woods.

Primary Industry—C. E. Bofinger, R. Brunswick, P. V. Roods, S. J. Taylor.

Prime Minister—K. G. McWatters.

Repatriation—W. S. Gegg, C. E. M. Gunther, W. J. Hughes, K. F. McGovern, E. V. Peipman.

Shipping and Transport—D. F. Matheson.

Supply—J. T. Ashenhurst, D. C. E. Attwood, P. R. Benyon, J. H. Bolton, A. F. Dayble, M. J. Gale, D. W. Griffin, I. C. Hinckfuss, R. C. Kuhne, G. I. McGillivray, G. W. Payne, A. C. Robertson, W. G. P. Robertson, L. C. Robinson, W. Savage, A. J. Scolari, J. H. W. Shannon.

Territories—R. A. Fleming, W. J. Verhoeven,

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Works—L. P. M. Bannatyne, W. F. Cleary, T. M. Crotty, D. A. Farrell, B. C. Griffin, J. F. Hallam, I. G. R. Mason, A. J. H. McKenzie, A. Meldrajs, K. J. Merrick, M. T. Mitchell, R. D. Petchey, J. H. Phillips, E. A. Ralph, R. D. Roxburgh, R. H. A. Walker.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, Nos. 22, 26.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1957—

Nos. 25 and 26—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 27—Commonwealth Telephone and Phonogram Officers' Association.

No. 28—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.

Nos. 29 and 30—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 31—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 32—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginenen.

No. 33—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 34—Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 35—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.

No. 36—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 37—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 38—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 39—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 40—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 41—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 42—Australian Workers' Union and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 43—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 44—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 45—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.

No. 46—Merchant Service Guild of Australasia.

No. 47—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 48—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 49—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 50—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 51—Boilermakers' Society of Australia and others.

No. 52—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.

No. 53—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.

No. 54—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.

No. 55—Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 56—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 57—Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 58—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 59—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia and Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 60—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1956–57.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1957—

No. 6—Stock.

No. 7—Advisory Council (No. 2).

Regulations—1957—

No. 4 (Plant Diseases Ordinance).

No. 5 (Public Health Ordinance).

No. 6 (Advisory Council Ordinance).

No. 7 (Stock Ordinance).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1955–56.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 34.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1956–57.

War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 18.

Wool Tax Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 29.

Wool Tax Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 30.

11. 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:—

23rd May, 1957—*Message No. 18*—Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1957.

25th May, 1957—*Message No. 19*—

Public Service 1957.

High Commissioner (United Kingdom) 1957.

Papua and New Guinea 1957.

National Service 1957.

29th May, 1957—*Message No. 20*—

Appropriation (No. 2) 1956–57.

Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1956–57.

Supply 1957–58.

Supply (Works and Services) 1957–58.

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30th May, 1957—*Message No. 21*—

Wheat Tax 1957.  
 Wheat Research 1957.  
 Wool Tax (No. 1) 1957.  
 Wool Tax (No. 2) 1957.  
 Wool Tax Assessment 1957.  
 Wool Research 1957.  
 Wool Use Promotion 1957.  
 Norfolk Island Ordinances 1957.  
 Norfolk Island 1957.  
 Stevedoring Industry Charge 1957.  
 Dairying Industry 1957.

7th June, 1957—*Message*—

*No. 22*—Flax Fibre Bounty 1957.  
*No. 23*—Explosives 1957.  
 Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1957.  
 Australian Antarctic Territory 1957.  
 Heard Island and McDonald Islands 1957.  
 Customs 1957.

12. AUSTRALIAN WOOL TESTING AUTHORITY 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.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to eleven 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. Bowden, Mr. Brand, Mr. Costa, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Jack, Mr. James, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wheeler.

A. A. TREGEAR,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*