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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Morgan 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.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Riordan 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.
Petition received.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Third Annual Statement concerning operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1956–57.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—COMMONWEALTH HANDLING EQUIPMENT POOL.—Mr. O'Connor having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The action of the Government in disposing of the Commonwealth Handling Equipment Pool"—
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. O'Connor addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—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 the Paper [*presented on the 27th August, 1957*], viz.:—
Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan, signed on the 6th July, 1957—
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion:—"and this House expresses its disapproval of the Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan"—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES.—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. Menzies (Prime Minister) speaking without limitation of time and Mr. Haylen and Mr. Ward each speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes on the motion to print the Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan.
Question—put and passed.

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8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1956–57, together with Summary of Recommendations.
 Ordered—That the Report be printed.
9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
 5th September, 1957—*Message*—
 No. 45—Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment 1957.
 No. 46—National Service (No. 2) 1957.
 No. 47—Wine Grapes Charges 1957 (*without requests*).
10. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, that the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be discharged:—
 10. St. Mary's Ammunition Filling Factory—Ministerial Statement—Motion for Printing Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the Paper be printed.
 Question—put and passed.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to establish a Commission for the Development of the City of Canberra as the National Capital of the Commonwealth, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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 Canberra, 5th September, 1957.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

12. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—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 the Paper [*presented on the 27th August, 1957*], viz.:—
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 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Graham), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BILL 1957—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments 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 Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 8, clause 25, sub-clause (2.), paragraph (*b*), lines 28 to 30, leave out all words after “architects” (first occurring), insert “, who may be selected from a list of architects submitted to the Minister by The Royal Australian Institute of Architects;”.
- No. 2.—Page 8, clause 25, sub-clause (2.), paragraph (*c*), lines 31 to 33, leave out all words after “engineers” (first occurring), insert “, who may be selected from a list of engineers submitted to the Minister by The Institution of Engineers, Australia;”.
- No. 3.—Page 8, clause 25, sub-clause (2.), paragraph (*d*), lines 34 to 36, leave out all words after “planners” (first occurring), insert “, who may be selected from a list of town planners submitted to the Minister by The Town Planning Institute of Australia; and”.
- No. 4.—Page 9, clause 25, lines 5 to 9, leave out sub-clause (6.).
 On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior), the Amendments were agreed to.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fairhall, the House adopted the Report.

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14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past 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. Bland, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Failes, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Howse, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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