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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## No. 35.

# WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPERS .-- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute---

Public Service Act-Appointment-Department of Health-A. W. Findlay.

Public Service Arbitration Act-Determinations-1957-

No. 63—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 64-Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.

No. 65—Merchant Service Guild of Australasia.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

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 *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance* Act 1954–1956.

Canberra, 17th September, 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.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act* 1954–1956. Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Beale do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

#### Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of Housing.

Canberra, 17th September, 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. Beale (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of Housing.

Question-put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered--That Mr. Beale and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

#### Message No. 34.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the expending of those Moneys.

#### Canberra, 17th September, 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. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the expending of those Moneys.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. McMahon and Mr. H. E. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. McMahon proceeding to bring up the Bill-

Point of Order.—Mr. Calwell raised a Point of Order that Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) was not present and that a Bill should not be brought in unless the second Minister named is in the House.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the presence of the second Minister is not required by the Standing Orders.

Mr. McMahon then brought up the Bill, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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6. SUPPLY-BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1-Senate-namely-

Salaries and allowances ... .. £30,000

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:— That the first item be reduced by  $\pounds 1$ .

Mr. Ward moved, That Mr. Clark be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved-That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight-

### THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1957.

Debate continued.

Mr. Luchetti rising to address the House-

Closure.-Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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)-

Mr. Adermann Mr. Allan Mr. Anderson Mr. Aston Mr. Bostock Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Buchanan Mr. Bury Mr. Chaney Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Davidson Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drummond Mr. Failes Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairball Mr. Faikinder Mr. Falkinder Mr. Forbes	Ayes, 48. Mr. Fox Mr. J. M. Fraser Mr. Freeth Mr. Graham Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. H. E. Holt Mr. Howse Mr. Howson Mr. Joske	Sir W. Kent Hughes Mr. Killen Mr. Lindsay Mr. Luck Mr. Mackinnon Sir P. McBride Mr. McBwen Mr. Osborne Mr. Pearce Mr. Roberton	Mr. Snedden Mr. Stokes Mr. Swartz Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wight Mr. Wilson <i>Tellers:</i> Mr. Opperman Mr. Turnbull
		NOES, 18.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Calwell	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Tellers:
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	Mr. Stewart

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 nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey\*, Mr. Costa\*, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie\*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison\*, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Timson, Mr. Turner\*, Mr. Watkins\* and Mr. Wheeler\*.

\*On leave.

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