

1957.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 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. PENSION PAYMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning a change to be made in the method of paying age, invalid and widows' pensions in New South Wales.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Fifth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1956-57.
 Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Onslow, Western Australia.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
 13th November, 1957—*Message*—
 No. 59—Estate Duty Assessment 1957.
 No. 60—Western Australia Grant (Water Supply) 1957.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—UNEMPLOYMENT IN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.—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 need for more positive action by the Government to arrest the growing unemployment in the shipbuilding industry due to the serious reduction which has taken place in ship construction and repair work throughout the Commonwealth"—
 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. Curtin rising to address the House—
 Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
 Question—put.
 The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bury	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
				Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. RESERVE BANK 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. Coutts), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

14th November, 1957—*Message*—

- No. 61—Coal Industry 1957.
No. 62—Customs Tariff (No. 4) 1957 (*without requests*).
No. 63—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1957 (*without requests*).
No. 64—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 2) 1957 (*without requests*).
No. 65—Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1957 (*without requests*).
No. 66—Customs Tariff 1957 (*without requests*).
No. 67—Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1957 (*without requests*).
No. 68—Gift Duty Assessment 1957.
No. 69—States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) 1957.
No. 70—States Grants 1957.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Beale 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, 45.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Sir P. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Hamilton
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson		

NOES, 22.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Webb	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	Mr. Whitlam	

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 three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davis*, Mr. Drury*, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Leslie*, Mr. Lucock*, Mr. McIvor*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Peters*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.