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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr. McMahon, Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) would act as Minister for Primary Industry.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Attorney-General's Department—E. Jelinek.  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1957—No. 17—Child Welfare.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
19th November, 1957—*Message*—  
No. 71—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1957 (*without requests*).  
No. 72—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1957.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until the next sitting.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—FLAX FIBRE BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 45.*

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 *Flax Fibre Bounty Act 1954*, as amended by the *Flax Fibre Bounty Act 1957*.

Canberra, 13th November, 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. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flax Fibre Bounty Act 1954*, as amended by the *Flax Fibre Bounty Act 1957*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Davidson 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.

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On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. Davidson and Mr. H. E. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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

8. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) on the 3rd September, 1957 (*see page 167*).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) 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. Davidson, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Davidson and Mr. Cramer do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—

Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

11. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1957.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) then brought up the following Bills:—

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1956 ";*

*A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1956 ";*

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a first time.

Mr. Davidson moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were read a third time.

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12. WOOL REALIZATION (DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS) 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

Mr. Coutts rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 53.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 25.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Cramer, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Bowden\*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Costa\*, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davis\*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Falkinder\*, Mr. Galvin\*, Mr. Harrison\*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Leslie\*, Mr. Luck, Mr. Lucock\*, Mr. McIvor\*, Mr. McMahan, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins\*, Mr. Wheeler\* and Mr. Wight.

\*On leave.

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