

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 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—  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1957—No. 7—Statutory Powers and Duties Validation.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Health—R. E. M. Wilson.  
Supply—G. A. Bird, L. G. Moore.
3. 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:—  
28th November, 1957—*Message No. 51*—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1957.  
29th November, 1957—*Message No. 52*—Loan (Housing) 1957.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
28th November, 1957—*Message No. 80*—Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) 1957.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of the year.  
Question—put and passed.
6. CHRISTMAS ISLAND (REQUEST AND CONSENT) BILL 1957.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to request, and consent to, the Enactment by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of an Act enabling the Queen to place Christmas Island under the Authority of the Commonwealth.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Casey 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. Casey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. GENEVA CONVENTIONS 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, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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8. CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT 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.

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

AYES, 55.

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

NOES, 20.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Thompson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Russell	Mr. Whitlam	Mr. L. R. Johnson
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) 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. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Amendments made by the House in the following Bill:—

3rd December, 1957—*Message No. 81*—Commonwealth Police 1957.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

3rd December, 1957—*Message No. 83*—Commonwealth Aid Roads (Special Assistance) 1957.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AIR FORCE (CANTEENS) BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 82.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act relating to the Air Force (Canteens) Regulations*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 3rd December, 1957.

Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to Encourage the Search for Petroleum in Australia by Subsidizing Stratigraphic Drilling* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 3rd December, 1957.

A. M. MCMULLIN,

President.

Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to make special provision for the granting of Pensions and other Benefits to certain Natives who served in the Defence Force during the War and their Dependants, and for purposes connected therewith* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 3rd December, 1957.

A. M. MCMULLIN,

President.

Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Acts Interpretation Act 1901–1950 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 3rd December, 1957.

A. M. MCMULLIN,

President.

Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

### WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1957.

Debate continued.

Mr. Whitlam rising to address the House—

*Closure*.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) 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, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wight
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	

#### NOES, 21.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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And then the House, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davis\*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falkinder\*, Mr. Fox, Mr. Galvin\*, Mr. Harrison\*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. McIvor\*, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins\* and Mr. Wheeler\*.

*\*On leave.*

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