

1957.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 63.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1956-57.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Thirty-fifth Report—Northern Territory Administration—Interim Report—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—WHEAT TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES.—Mr. Haylen having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Commonwealth Government to provide necessary and reasonable subsidies on the transport of wheat in order to deal with the crisis in the wheat industry and prevent the price of bread and other wheaten foods being increased"—
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. Haylen addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Sir Philip McBride (Acting Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

3rd December, 1957—*Message No. 56*—
 Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1957.
 Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1957.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STEAM POWER STATION, DARWIN.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—Erection of a Steam Power Station at Darwin.

Question—put and passed.

7. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing international affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 5th December, 1957—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—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. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 40 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Beale—Minister for Supply), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr Dean (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:—

Commonwealth Railways Act—Report for year 1956–57.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1956–57.

Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1955–56.

New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1955–56.

Papua—Report for year 1955–56.

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R. L. DEAN,
 Chairman.

Mr. Dean moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

5th December, 1957—*Message*—

No. 90—Geneva Conventions 1957.

No. 91—Christmas Island (Request and Consent) 1957.

No. 92—National Health 1957.

No. 93—Superannuation 1957.

No. 94—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1957.

No. 95—Diesel Fuel Taxation (Administration) 1957.

No. 96—Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 1) 1957 (*without requests*).

No. 97—Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 2) 1957 (*without requests*).

No. 98—Customs Tariff Validation 1957 (*without requests*).

No. 99—Excise Tariff Validation 1957 (*without requests*).

No. 100—Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) 1957 (*without requests*).

No. 101—Stevedoring Industry 1957.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—D. M. Charrett, J. W. Dann, M. L. Friedman, I. G. McKinna.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Reports by Auditor-General on books and accounts of Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund for years 1954–55, 1955–56 and 1956–57.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1957—No. 11 (Child Welfare Ordinance).

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11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

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

* On leave.

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

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MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills, were received after the adjournment of the House on the 5th December, 1957:—

5th December, 1957—*Message No. 57*—Acts Interpretation 1957.

12th December, 1957—*Message*—

No. 58—Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) 1957.
 Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 1) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 2) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 3) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 4) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 5) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 6) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 7) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 8) 1957.
 Sales Tax (No. 9) 1957.

No. 59—Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1957.
 Excise Tariff 1957.
 Commonwealth Aid Roads (Special Assistance) 1957.
 Customs Tariff (No. 4) 1957.

No. 60—Commonwealth Police 1957.
 Civil Aviation Agreement 1957.
 Air Navigation Charges 1957.
 Air Force (Canteens) 1957.
 Native Members of the Forces Benefits 1957.
 Petroleum Search Subsidy 1957.

No. 61—Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) 1957.
 National Health 1957.
 Stevedoring Industry 1957.
 Superannuation 1957.
 Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1957.

13th December, 1957—*Message No. 62*—

Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 1) 1957.
 Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 2) 1957.
 Diesel Fuel Taxation (Administration) 1957.
 Customs Tariff Validation 1957.
 Excise Tariff Validation 1957.
 Flax Fibre Bounty (No. 2) 1957.
 Christmas Island (Request and Consent) 1957.

18th December, 1957—*Message No. 63*—Geneva Conventions 1957.
