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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1958.

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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence abroad of Mr. Townley, Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) would act as Minister for Supply and Minister for Defence Production, and would represent in this House the Minister for National Development, the Minister for Shipping and Transport and the Minister for Civil Aviation.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945–1956 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th April, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

- Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Osborne moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Government Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
 5. COMMUNISM.—Mr. Lucock moved, pursuant to notice, That the subversionary tactics of the Communist Party have become such a menace to the safety and security of Australia that no longer should they be allowed the freedom to practise their tactics, taking advantage of a tolerance and privilege which is basic to our democratic way of life to undermine that way of life for their own evil purposes. Therefore, in the opinion of this House, early action should be taken with a view to submitting again to the electors Constitution alteration proposals empowering the Parliament to make laws with respect to the outlawing of Communism.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.
Ordered—That the time for the debate be extended.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Wentworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
 6. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 (“ Grievance Day ”—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for the next sitting.
 7. STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1958.—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. Snedden), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
 8. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1958.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1958.—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. Osborne (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

[*See proposed Resolution of the 20th March, 1958 (pages 35–42).*]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

[*See proposed Resolution of the 20th March, 1958 (pages 43–4).*]

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

[*See proposed Resolution of the 20th March, 1958 (page 45).*]

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

[*See proposed Resolution of the 20th March, 1958 (page 45).*]

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

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

[*See proposed Resolution of the 20th March, 1958 (page 45).*]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Resolutions 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. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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. Osborne, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1958.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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12. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1958.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1956’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1958.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1957’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1958.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) 1956’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1958.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. TARIFF BOARD REPORTS—PRINTING OF PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), That the Papers [*presented on the 20th March, 1958*], viz. :—

Tariff Board—Reports—

Automotive Industry,

Metal Working Shaping Machines,

Plywood, and

Textile Dyeing, Bleaching and Finishing—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

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17. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1958.—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. Cleaver), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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 Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Bird, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Swartz., Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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