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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1958.

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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain electors in the States of the Commonwealth praying that the House will take immediate action to ensure that sufficient funds are made available to each State of the Commonwealth to provide adequate public education facilities for their children and people.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Barnard and Mr. Bryant, and were severally received.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—D. R. Biggs.  
  
ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
5. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Privileges, and that, in his place, Mr. Drury be appointed a member of the Committee.  
Question—put and passed.
6. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee, and that, in his place, Mr. Forbes be appointed a member of the Committee.  
Question—put and passed.
7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—LUCAS HEIGHTS ATOMIC REACTOR.—Mr. L. R. Johnson 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 Government to complete the Lucas Heights Atomic Reactor project within the scheduled period, and the delay consequential therefrom in making available to industry and the people of Australia the benefits from the peaceful use of atomic energy"—  
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. Johnson addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr. Curtin rising to address the House—  
Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Brand	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McIvor		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **TARIFF BOARD BILL 1958.**—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tariff Board Act* 1921–1953, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. **INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1958.**—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act* 1953.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Arthur Fadden 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.  
Sir Arthur Fadden moved, by leave, 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.
10. **WHEAT ACQUISITION (UNDISTRIBUTED MONEYS) BILL 1958.**—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the application for the purposes of Wheat Research of certain Moneys held by the Australian Wheat Board.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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.*)

Clause 1—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WHEAT ACQUISITION (UNDISTRIBUTED MONEYS) BILL 1958.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 6.*

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 provide for the application for the purposes of Wheat Research of certain Moneys held by the Australian Wheat Board.

Canberra, 19th April, 1958.

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. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the application for the purposes of Wheat Research of certain Moneys held by the Australian Wheat Board.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House,

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12. **WHEAT ACQUISITION (UNDISTRIBUTED MONEYS) BILL 1958.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.  
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.  
Remainder of 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 Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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, after debate.  
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.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past 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. Brimblecombe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Failes, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. James\*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins\* and Mr. Wight.

\*On leave.

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