THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 29TH 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. Webb 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 its children and people.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Whitlam and Mr. L. R. Johnson, and were severally received.

3. NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.-Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the circumstances in which the elected members of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory had recently resigned.

Mr. Nelson, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

Mr. Pollard asked leave to make a Statement concerning the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

4. Papers.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Papua—Report for year 1956-57.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1958, No. 24. Lands Acquisition Act-Land, &c., acquired for-

Civil Aviation purposes—Western Junction, Tasmania. Postal purposes—Jervois, South Australia.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 25.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Defence Production-P. S. Kirman.

Health-R. M. Peel.

Works-R. H. Battersby, S. M. de Waldorf Kubiczek, A. M. Griggs, M. J. Lonergan, J. W. Newman, J. V. Russell, F. U. Seidel.

Tobacco Charges Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 26.

5. Public Accounts Committee—Report—Printing of Paper.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts-

Thirty-sixth Report—Northern Territory Administration—Part I.—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

6. Message from the Governor-General—Assent to Bill .-- 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 Bill:-

23rd April, 1958—Message No. 7—Service and Execution of Process 1958.

7. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT 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.

F.2280/58.

29th April, 1958.

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

		Ayes, 58.		
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Roberton
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Tellers:
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull
		Noes, 31.		
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Tellers:
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb	Mr. Luchetti
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. TARIFF BOARD 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

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Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow 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. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Erwin, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McColm, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.