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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH 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. Clarey 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. L. R. Johnson and Mr. Galvin, and were severally received.

3. MINISTERIAL AND DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced that the Departments of Supply and Defence Production had been amalgamated into the single Department of Supply, and that Mr. Townley, who had held both portfolios, would continue as Minister for Supply. Mr. Osborne would continue to act as Minister for Supply until Mr. Townley's return from abroad.

Mr. Menzies, by leave, then informed the House of the staff reductions and savings consequent on the amalgamation, and of the issue of a new Administrative Arrangements Order setting out the general functions of each Commonwealth Department and its administrative responsibility for Acts of the Parliament.

4. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—LONDON CONFERENCE, 1957—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Pollard, by leave, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Inter-Parliamentary Union—46th Conference held at London, September, 1957—Report of Australian Delegation—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Pollard was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, CONCORD.—Mr. Whitlam having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The cessation, for reasons in some cases unstated and in most cases specious, of the live concerts which have been given, to the great pleasure of patients and staff and at negligible cost to the Commonwealth, at the Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, ever since the hospital opened early in World War II."

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. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Daly rising to address the House—

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon
Mr. Brand	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes

Tellers:

Mr. Opperman
Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Peters
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard

Tellers:

Mr. Duthie
Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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6. TARIFF BOARD 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 34.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of 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. McEwen (Minister for Trade), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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. Cramer (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 15th April, 1958*], viz.:—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 15th April, 1958—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Makin), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.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. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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