

1958.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 6TH MAY, 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Sixth General Report for 1956, and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1956.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Capital Territory Representation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 28.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1958, No. 29.
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 27.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—
Eglinton, New South Wales.
Mallangane, New South Wales.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—W. W. Jackson.

Shipping and Transport—J. Adam, B. D. Campbell, P. B. Eccles, V. J. Rowe.
Territories—R. P. Herd.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1958—No. 7—Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions).

3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—EDUCATION.—Mr. Bryant having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need for the Commonwealth to take action to ensure that sufficient funds are available to each State of the Commonwealth to provide adequate public education facilities for its people"—

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. Bryant addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Makin 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 Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	

Tellers:

Mr. Opperman
Mr. Turnbull

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		NOES, 26.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

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 make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 5th May, 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Mr. Downer do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

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

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1957-58.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia—

(a) the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and

(b) the Governor-General further recommends to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, of such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Canberra, 6th May, 1958.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 6th May, 1958.

Ordered—That the Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

6th May, 1958.

6. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1957–58.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £11,206,000 for the services of the year 1957–58, viz.:—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS
AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Parliament	65,900
Prime Minister's Department	68,700
Department of External Affairs	83,700
Department of the Treasury	345,800
Attorney-General's Department	10,900
Department of the Interior	203,700
Department of Works	362,300
Department of Civil Aviation	84,500
Department of Customs and Excise	100,200
Department of Health	9,400
Department of Trade	34,800
Department of Primary Industry	35,000
Department of Social Services	92,300
Department of Shipping and Transport	700
Department of Territories	10,300
Department of Immigration	46,400
Department of Labour and National Service	36,800
Department of National Development	45,100
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	68,800
Defence Services	7,159,000
Miscellaneous Services	884,900
War and Repatriation Services	571,800
TOTAL PART 1	10,321,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	134,000
Postmaster-General's Department	39,000
Broadcasting and Television Services	8,000
TOTAL PART 2	181,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	106,150
Australian Capital Territory	97,130
Papua and New Guinea	50,600
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	120
TOTAL PART 3	254,000

PART 5.—SELF-BALANCING ITEMS.

Department of Primary Industry	450,000
TOTAL	11,206,000

Question—put and passed.

LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That, in addition, there be granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1957–58, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Question—put and passed.

6th May, 1958.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £3,537,000 for the services of the year 1957-58, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz.:—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Prime Minister's Department	4,000
Department of External Affairs	16,000
Department of the Interior	73,000
Department of Works	37,595
Department of Customs and Excise	3,870
Repatriation Department	41,000
Department of Trade	1,780
Department of Primary Industry	105
Department of Social Services	15,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	200,000
Department of Territories	162,500
Department of Immigration	12,000
Department of Labour and National Service	14,000
Department of National Development	707,500
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	7,650
TOTAL PART 1	1,296,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Postmaster-General's Department	508,500
Broadcasting and Television Services	208,500
TOTAL PART 2	717,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	227,000
Australian Capital Territory	1,297,000
TOTAL PART 3	1,524,000
TOTAL	3,537,000

Question—put and passed.

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. Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1957-58.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following three motions:—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1957-58, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £11,206,000.

LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1957-58, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

6th May, 1958.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1957-58, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £3,537,000.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

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.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Fairhall do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1957-58.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply additional sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, and to appropriate those sums* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

9. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1957-58.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate that sum* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

10. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SUPPLY BILL 1958-59 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1958-59.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

Canberra, 6th May, 1958.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Canberra, 6th May, 1958.

Ordered—That the Messages be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

11. SUPPLY BILL 1958-59 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1958-59.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £234,361,000 for or towards the services of the year 1958-59.

Question—put and passed.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £48,986,000 for or towards the services of the year 1958-59, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

6th May, 1958.

Question—put and passed.
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.
Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL 1958–59 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1958–59.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLY.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1958–59, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £234,361,000.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1958–59, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £48,986,000.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.
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.
On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Fairhall do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

13. SUPPLY BILL 1958–59.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

14. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1958–59.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NAVIGATION BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Navigation Act 1912–1956 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st May, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) 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 Bill be now read a second time.

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

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16. SOCIAL SERVICES (RECIPROCITY WITH UNITED KINGDOM) REGULATIONS—PRESENTATION OF PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—

Social Services Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 30—

and, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the reciprocal agreement on social security between the United Kingdom and Australia, January, 1958.

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

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

6th May, 1958—*Message*—

No. 12—States Grants (Additional Assistance) 1958.

No. 15—Customs Tariff 1958 (*without requests*).

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend section ninety-eight of the ‘ Bills of Exchange Act 1909–1936 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1958.

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANKRUPTCY BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Bankruptcy Act 1924–1955 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1958.

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

21. OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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.*)

Clause 1—

Progress 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.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

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 amend the *Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946–1952*.

Canberra, 1st May, 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.

6th May, 1958.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946-1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

23. OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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.)

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. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

6th May, 1958—*Message*—

No. 16—Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1958.

No. 17—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1958.

No. 18—Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) 1958.

No. 19—Excise Tariff 1958.

25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Morgan, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.