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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1958.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 16th May last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF SENATOR THE HONORABLE W. P. ASHLEY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 27th June, of Senator the Honorable W. P. Ashley, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator the Honorable William Patrick Ashley, a Senator for New South Wales since 1937 and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement. And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) and Mr. Luchetti having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF SENATOR THE HONORABLE H. S. SEWARD.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 23rd July, of Senator the Honorable H. S. Seward, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator the Honorable Harrie Stephen Seward, a Senator for Western Australia and a former Western Australian Minister of State, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife in her bereavement. And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), Mr. Thompson and Mr. Leslie having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE H. K. NOCK.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) expressed regret at the death on the 2nd August of the Honorable Horace Keyworth Nock, a former Member of this House and Minister of the Crown, and paid tribute to his distinguished public service. Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) and Sir Earle Page joined in the expression of sympathy.
5. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senators, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
6. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1958-59.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, and recommends, for the service of that year, an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in accordance with those Estimates, including an appropriation of that Fund, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, to the extent of the sum of One hundred and two million pounds, being the sum specified in relation to those purposes under the heading "Special Appropriations" in those Estimates.

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Message No. 21.

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 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-nine and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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

8. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£27,450
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be 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. PAPERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Budget Papers 1958–59;
National Income and Expenditure Paper 1957–58.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the substance of the Address in Reply which you presented to me on the 14th March, 1958, has been communicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

It is The Queen's wish that I convey to you and to Honourable Members of the House of Representatives Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

12th June, 1958.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

14th May, 1958—Message—

No. 22—Public Service 1958.

Commonwealth Employees' Furlough 1958.

No. 23—Bankruptcy 1958.

21st May, 1958—Message—

No. 24—Tariff Board 1958.

No. 25—Customs Tariff 1958.

Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1958.

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1958.

Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) 1958.

Excise Tariff 1958.

No. 26—Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1958.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) 1958.

Petroleum Search Subsidy 1958.

No. 27—Beer Excise 1958.

Cotton Bounty 1958.

Income Tax (International Agreements) 1958.

Overseas Telecommunications 1958.

States Grants (Universities) 1958.

Western Australia Grant (Northern Development) 1958.

Wheat Acquisition (Undistributed Moneys) 1958.

Conciliation and Arbitration 1958.

No. 28—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power 1958.

No. 29—Appropriation (No. 2) 1957–58.

Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1957–58.

Supply 1958–59.

Supply (Works and Services) 1958–59.

27th May, 1958—Message No. 30—Navigation 1958.

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12. PETITIONS.—Mr. Lawson presented a Petition from certain members of the Pensioners' League of Queensland praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage as the minimum.
Mr. Costa presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Petitions severally received and read.
Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Petition received.
13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1957.
Beer Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 49.
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—W. J. Hill.
Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 40.
Customs Tariff—Orders—
 Customs (British Preferential Tariff) Nos. 1, 2, 3.
 Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 1, 2, 3.
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 1.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 31, 32, 38.
Diesel Fuel Taxation (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 41.
Diplomatic Immunities Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 33.
Egg Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 43.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).
Flax Fibre Bounty Act—Return for year ended 31st October, 1957.
Immigration Act—Return for 1957.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 Civil Aviation purposes—
 Grafton, New South Wales.
 Padstow, New South Wales.
 Department of the Interior purposes—Devonport, Tasmania.
 Postal purposes—
 Allambee, Victoria.
 Bothwell, Tasmania.
 Elimbah, Queensland.
 Fig Tree Pocket (Brisbane), Queensland.
 Griffith, New South Wales.
 Kettering, Tasmania.
 Lameroo, South Australia.
 Loxton, South Australia.
 Mount Douglas, New South Wales.
 New Norfolk, Tasmania.
 Pompoota, South Australia.
 Scottsdale, Tasmania.
 Seymour, Victoria.
 Taranna, Tasmania.
 Toronto, New South Wales.
 Warilla, New South Wales.
 Winkie, South Australia.
 Woodbridge, Tasmania.
 Woodford Island, New South Wales.
 Yanco, New South Wales.
 Young Town, Tasmania.
 Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—
 Adaminaby, New South Wales.
 Cooma, New South Wales.
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 42.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 45, 46.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1958—
 No. 1—Supply of Services.
 No. 2—Fisheries.
 No. 3—Motor Vehicles.
 No. 4—Brands.
 No. 5—Traffic.
 No. 7—Stamp.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1958—
 No. 4—Customs (Copra Export) Tariff.
 No. 5—Boy Scouts' Association (Papua and New Guinea).
 No. 10—Mining (Papua).
 No. 11—Mining (New Guinea) Ordinance Amendment.
 No. 12—Mining (New Guinea).
 No. 13—Native Employment Board 1957.
 No. 14—Housing Loans Ordinance Amendment.

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- No. 15—Housing Loans.
 No. 16—Firearms.
 No. 17—Land (Papua).
 No. 18—Land (New Guinea).
 No. 19—Liquor (Natives).
 No. 20—Public Service.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 50.
 Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Attorney-General—A. J. Alavdin, G. B. Gibbs, W. N. Holmes, C. W. Rose.
 Civil Aviation—B. D. Bond, C. O. Smith.
 Health—A. J. Ferguson, M. Goldberg, G. Speer.
 Labour and National Service—J. Kraus.
 National Development—R. W. L. King, D. M. McPhail, M. J. Morrison, K. A. Plumb, K. A. Rochow, J. R. Wilkie.
 Postmaster-General—C. V. Armstrong, B. J. Ayres, G. S. Byass, D. B. Cliff, A. B. Ellis, P. L. Eisler, K. A. Endacott, H. E. Flierl, K. R. Forsey, K. G. Howe, M. B. Lane, D. V. Ockley, S. Rose, A. Vesperman.
 Primary Industry—J. G. Bird, A. D. Ross.
 Shipping and Transport—R. R. F. Elliott, G. P. Horscroft, J. W. Lewin.
 Social Services—M. F. Kelley.
 Supply—N. R. Blick, P. J. Carter, P. E. de Chazel, W. J. Ellis, A. E. Gascoigne, M. W. Jarvis, A. R. Lind, K. R. May, A. D. McEwan, T. J. McGilton, H. E. L. A. D. St. A. Nicholson, B. Ralston, W. G. H. Schwietzke, A. B. Scoloro, L. M. Sheppard, K. Szczawinski, P. E. Turner, I. D. Vagg, G. S. Ward, P. B. Wellspring, H. R. Williams, G. K. Wilson, A. M. Wylie.
 Treasury—J. A. Burton.
 Works—K. B. Gosbell, C. J. Lysaght, B. Parker, G. M. Rochford, D. H. Thorne, L. P. Williams.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 37, 44.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—
 1957—
 No. 61—Musicians' Union of Australia.
 No. 79—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
- 1958—
 No. 17—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
 No. 18—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 19—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
 No. 20—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia and Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
 No. 21—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 22—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 Nos. 23, 24 and 25—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 26—Australian Workers' Union and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 27—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
 No. 28—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
 No. 29—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
 No. 30—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
 No. 31—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
 No. 32—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.
 No. 33—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
 No. 34—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
 No. 35—Commonwealth Telephone and Phonogram Officers' Association.
 No. 36—Postal Telecommunications Technicians' Association (Australia).
 No. 37—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
 No. 38—Line Inspectors' Association—Commonwealth of Australia.
 No. 39—Postmaster-General's Department Heads of Divisions and Branches Association.
 No. 40—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.
 No. 41—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.
 No. 42—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).
 Nos. 43 and 44—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 45—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
 No. 46—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 No. 47—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
 No. 48—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
 No. 49—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 No. 50—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 Nos. 51 and 52—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
 No. 53—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.
 No. 54—Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.
 No. 55—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
 Nos. 56 and 57—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 No. 58—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

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- No. 59—Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia and Amalgamated Printing Trades Employees' Union of Australia.
 No. 60—North Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 61—Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 62—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 63—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.
 No. 64—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 65—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
 No. 66—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 67—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 No. 68—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.
 No. 69—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
 No. 70—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.
 No. 71—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.
 No. 72—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 No. 73—Repatriation Department Medical Technologists' Association.
 No. 74—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 75—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
 No. 76—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
 No. 77—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
 No. 78—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
 No. 79—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.
 No. 80—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 No. 81—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen and Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 82—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
 No. 83—Federated Ship Painters' and Dockers' Union of Australia.
 No. 84—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
 No. 85—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 86—Australian Journalists' Association.
 No. 87—Merchant Service Guild of Australasia.
 No. 88—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.
 No. 89—Australian Journalists' Association.
 No. 90—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 No. 91—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 No. 92—Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 93—North Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 94—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 95—Australian Workers' Union and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 96—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 No. 97—Flax Mill Managers' Association.
 No. 98—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.
 No. 99—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 No. 100—Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 101—Musicians' Union of Australia.
 No. 102—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 103—Australian Journalists' Association.
 No. 104—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.
 No. 105—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 Nos. 106 and 107—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 108—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.
 No. 109—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 34, 35, 36.
 Rayon Yarn Bounty Act—Return for year ended 31st October, 1957.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1958—
 No. 10—Motor Traffic.
 No. 11—Education.
 No. 12—Court of Petty Sessions.
 Regulations—1958—
 No. 7—(Apprenticeship Ordinance).
 No. 8—(Leases Ordinance).
 Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 39, 47.
 Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 48.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15. MIGRATION 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. Anderson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes 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 Mr. Crean, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. James, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins.

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