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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1958.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Bird presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government will make provision, by means of a Referendum, for the alteration of certain sections of the Constitution which relate to the aboriginal people of Australia.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report by the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1957–58.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—
Second Annual Report and financial statements, for year 1957–58.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Forty-first Report—Expenditure from Advance to the Treasurer for the year 1957–58—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 43.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money for Defence Purposes.

Canberra, 24th September, 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 (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money for Defence 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. Townley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

25th September, 1958.

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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. STATISTICS (ARRANGEMENTS WITH STATES) BILL 1958.—Mr. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Statistics (Arrangements with States) Act 1956*.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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 a later hour this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act 1933–1957’*, and for other purposes”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. Menzies (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, 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 a later hour this day.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Repatriation Act 1920–1957’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Cameron moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act, 1940–1957’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. Townley (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. Townley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

25th September, 1958.

Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Townley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

11. STATES GRANTS 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

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 payment of a Bounty on the Production of Copper.

Canberra, 5th August, 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 representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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 payment of a Bounty on the Production of Copper.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. H. E. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

25th September, 1958—*Message No. 58*—Social Services 1958.

14. REPATRIATION 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.

Mr. Barnard 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 a later hour this day.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RAILWAY STANDARDIZATION (NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA) AGREEMENT BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales and Victoria in relation to the Standardization of a Railway between Sydney and Melbourne*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 25th September, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

25th September, 1958.

Mr. Townley (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. Townley 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.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CIVIL AVIATION (DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT) BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to approve Ratification by Australia of the Rome Convention on Damage caused by Foreign Aircraft to third Parties on the Surface, to give effect to that Convention, and to make provision with respect to the Liabilities of certain Operators of Aircraft in respect of damage on the Surface to which that Convention does not apply*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th September, 1958.

Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Townley moved, by leave, 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.

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

25th September, 1958—*Message—*

No. 60—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1958.

No. 61—Re-establishment and Employment (No. 2) 1958.

No. 62—Tradesmen's Rights Regulation 1958.

18. REPATRIATION 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. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

25th September, 1958—*Message No. 64—States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) 1958.*

20. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Mount Pleasant, Queensland.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 57.

21. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT 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.

25th September, 1958.

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

23. CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY 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 the Bill was read a third time.

24. TRACTOR BOUNTY 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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

25. COAL INDUSTRY 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. Griffiths), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

26. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

25th September, 1958—*Message*—

No. 65—Loan (Housing) 1958.

No. 66—Wheat Industry Stabilization 1958.

No. 67—Wheat Export Charge 1958 (*without requests*).

No. 68—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1958.

No. 69—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1958 (*without requests*).

28. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Peters rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

25th September, 1958.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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 Mr. Aston, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haworth, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. Hulme, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McColm, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Webb.

**On leave.*

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