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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1959.

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. ADVERTISER BUILDING, ADELAIDE—RENTAL OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms under which the Commonwealth is renting office accommodation in the Advertiser Building, Adelaide.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Seventh General Report for 1957, and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1957.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Sixth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1957-58.
Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Second Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1957-58.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—I. S. Milligan.
Interior—R. W. Boden.
Works—B. R. Kent.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 10th March, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved—
 - (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to—
 - (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November, 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the Committee by the Minister for the Interior; and
 - (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the Committee by the Minister for the Interior.
 - (2) That the Committee consist of two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Prime Minister, two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, three Senators appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
 - (3) That every appointment of a member of the Committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the Committee shall hold office as a Joint Committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the Committee elect as Chairman of the Committee one of the members appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
 - (6) That the Chairman of the Committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the Committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the Committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the Committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.

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- (7) That the Committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament.
- (9) That the Committee have power to consider the Minutes of Evidence and Records of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory appointed in the previous Session relating to any matter on which that Committee had not completed its inquiry.
- (10) That the Committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (11) That five members of the Committee, including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (12) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (13) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
- (14) That a Message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

7. RESERVE BANK BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
8. COMMONWEALTH BANKS BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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. BANKING BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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. BANKING (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
11. AUDIT BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
12. CHRISTMAS ISLAND BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
13. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' FURLOUGH BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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. CRIMES BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.

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15. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
16. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
17. NORTHERN TERRITORY (LESSEES' LOANS GUARANTEE) BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
18. OFFICERS' RIGHTS DECLARATION BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
19. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
20. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
21. BILLS RELATING TO BANKING—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Calwell, by leave, made a Statement with reference to the procedure to be observed in considering the Bills relating to Banking and suggested the preparation of additional documentation for the assistance of the House.
Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
22. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of section eleven of the *Australian National University Act 1946-1947*, the House of Representatives elects Mr. Beazley and Mr. Joske to fill casual vacancies on the Council of the Australian National University until the 30th June, 1960, and to continue as members of the Council until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
Question—put and passed.
23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
- MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 4.
- The Senate, having considered Message No. 4 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith:—
- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 4 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
 - (2) That Senators Cole, Maher, Pearson, Vincent and Wordsworth be members of such Joint Committee.
 - (3) That, until such time as the two remaining vacancies for Members of the Senate on this Committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Senators Robertson and Scott be members of the Committee.
- A. M. McMULLIN,
President.
- The Senate,
Canberra, 26th February, 1959.
24. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Julia Creek, Queensland.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—
- 1958—
- No. 56—Native Employment.
No. 58—Land (New Guinea) (No. 2).
No. 60—Native Apprenticeship.
No. 61—Mining (Papua) (No. 2).
No. 62—Administration Servants.
- 1959—No. 1—Transactions with Natives 1958.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1959—No. 1—Water (Restriction of Use).
Regulations—
- 1958—Nos. 13 and 14 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).
1959—No. 1 (Education Ordinance).

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Debate resumed.

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

26. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 10th March, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Makin, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Snedden.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.