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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1959.

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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 17.
 - Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 13.
 - Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 16.
 - Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 18.
 - Therapeutic Substances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 14.
 - Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 15.
3. PRIVILEGE—STATEMENTS REGARDING MEMBER FOR CAPRICORNIA—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pearce, That the matter [*raised by the honorable Member for Capricornia on the 17th March*] be referred to the Committee of Privileges—

Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
4. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948–1955*, Mr. Crean and Mr. Opperman be appointed trustees to serve on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust.
Question—put and passed.
5. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 156, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS RELATING TO BANKING.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent—
 - (a) In relation to the proceedings on the Reserve Bank Bill, the Commonwealth Banks Bill, the Banking Bill and the Banking (Transitional Provisions) Bill, respectively, the consideration of each Bill as a whole in a Committee of the Whole, and the moving without delay of the motions in regard to the Committee's report stage, and the third reading, and
 - (b) In relation to the proceedings on the following Bills, viz., Audit, Christmas Island, Commonwealth Employees' Furlough, Crimes, Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment, National Debt Sinking Fund, Northern Territory (Lessees' Loans Guarantee), Officers' Rights Declaration, Re-establishment and Employment, Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications), the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a Committee of the Whole, and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the Committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together.

Debate ensued.
Question—put.

18th March, 1959.

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

AYES, 48.

Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Timson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Browne	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Drury	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. RESERVE BANK BILL 1959.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, as a whole, debated.

Mr. Wentworth moved the following amendment:—Clause 80, page 18, omit sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(1.) The Auditor-General shall inspect and audit the accounts and records of financial transactions of the Bank, and shall forthwith report in writing to the Treasurer any breach of this Act or other irregularity coming to his notice which, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, is of sufficient importance to justify his so doing, and the Treasurer shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of such a report, cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of the Parliament.”

Debate continued.

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

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

And the question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr. Crean, by leave, moved the following amendment:—Clause 26, page 8, omit paragraph (c).

Debate continued.

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 paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 46.

Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Timson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Townley	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Pollard, by leave, moved the following amendment:—Clause 74, page 17, omit sub-clause (2.).

Debate continued.

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

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

18th and 19th March, 1959.

And the question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holten	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Mr. Murray	
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Mr. Bird	Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 10th March, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1959.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Allan, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Aston, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fox, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. Jack, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kearney*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Swartz.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.