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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 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. PETITION.—Mr. McIvor presented a Petition from certain electors in the States of the Commonwealth praying that the House will take immediate steps to increase social service benefits for mothers and their children.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Thirtieth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1957–58.
Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 23.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—J. Brown.
National Development—F. Jewell.
Primary Industry—M. H. Manning.
Repatriation—E. F. H. Theile.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1959—
No. 2 (Public Health Ordinance).
No. 3 (Roads and Public Places Ordinance).
4. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1, 2 AND 3), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (pages 50–9).]

Prefatory Notes agreed to, after debate.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (page 60).]

Motion agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (page 60).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (pages 61–2).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (page 63).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (page 63).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Resolutions (including Resolution of the 9th April, 1959, relating to Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1)) to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. Hasluck do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1959.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
- 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

6. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1959.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
- 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1959.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1958’* ”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
- 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1959.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1958’* ”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
- The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) BILL 1959.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936-1958 '* ".

Bill read a first time.
Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
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. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1959.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise '* ".

Bill read a first time.
Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
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. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

11. ALIENS BILL 1959.—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. Pearce), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) from making his speech on the second reading of the Ministers of State Bill without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

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 *Ministers of State Act 1952-1956.*

Canberra, 14th April, 1959.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(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 amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952-1956.*
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden 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.

14th April, 1959.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Mr. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Bill brought up by Mr. Menzies, and read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the day for a later hour this day.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

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 *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1952-1956*.

Canberra, 14th April, 1959.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(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 amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1952-1956*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden 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. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Bill brought up by Mr. Menzies, and read a first time.

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

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 relating to Parliamentary Retiring Allowances.

Canberra, 14th April, 1959.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(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 relating to Parliamentary Retiring Allowances.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden 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. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Bill brought up by Mr. Menzies, and read a first time.

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

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

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16. ALIENS BILL 1959.—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.

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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1959.—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.

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. Timson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Barnes, Mr. Bland, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holten, Mr. Kearney*, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan* and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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