

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH 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. 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 18th March, 1959, 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.

W. J. SLIM,  
Governor-General.

9th April, 1959.

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

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Requirements as to vehicles.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Supply—C. R. Furniss, W. S. Luke, S. D. McRae, M. L. Possingham.

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

14th April, 1959—*Message No. 10*—Reserve Bank 1959.

5. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1959.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to a proposed adjustment of the Quotas of members of the International Monetary Fund and to a proposed increase of the Capital Stock of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Mr. Holt moved, by leave, 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SUPREME COURT BUILDING, DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1953*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for further investigation and report, as recommended by the Committee following a preliminary examination held in 1955, namely:—The construction of a Supreme Court Building at Darwin, Northern Territory.

Mr. Freeth laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

15th April, 1959.

7. **MINISTERS OF STATE 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 by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for the substitution for the proposed increases of Ministers' salaries and allowances, such increased salaries and allowances as would be fairly proportionate to the increase of base salaries and allowances contained in clauses four and five of the Parliamentary Allowances Bill".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

## AYES, 69.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

## NOES, 41.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

## AYES, 66.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Wentworth
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Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	
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Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Uren	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.

Mr. Wentworth moved the following amendment:—

Clause 3, page 2, line 3, omit "Sixty-six thousand six hundred", insert "Forty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

15th and 16th April, 1959.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

		AYES, 65.		
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	
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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Uren
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.  
Question—put and passed.
9. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES 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. Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
15th April, 1959—*Message*—  
No. 11—Commonwealth Banks 1959.  
No. 12—Banking 1959.  
No. 13—Banking (Transitional Provisions) 1959.  
No. 14—Audit 1959.  
No. 15—Christmas Island 1959.  
No. 16—Commonwealth Employees' Furlough 1959.  
No. 17—Crimes 1959.  
No. 18—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1959.  
No. 19—National Debt Sinking Fund 1959.  
No. 20—Northern Territory (Lessees' Loans Guarantee) 1959.  
No. 21—Officers' Rights Declaration 1959.  
No. 22—Re-establishment and Employment 1959.  
No. 23—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1959.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

### THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1959.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six 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. Haworth, Mr. Holten, Mr. Kearney\*, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Riordan\*.

\* On leave.

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