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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 28TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 - Navigation and lighthouse purposes—Cape Baily, New South Wales.
 - Postal purposes—Longreach, Queensland.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Health—J. Birner, P. F. Emery, R. L. Manning, A. C. Reith.
 - Interior—W. A. De Bes, L. J. Lavers.
 - National Development—J. E. F. Gardener.
 - Supply—D. Lamb, P. M. Sullivan.
 - Works—J. K. Holwell, A. D. Leary, P. H. Wilkins.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
 - 23rd April, 1959—*Message No. 10*—
 - Reserve Bank 1959.
 - Commonwealth Banks 1959.
 - Banking 1959.
 - Banking (Transitional Provisions) 1959.
 - Audit 1959.
 - Christmas Island 1959.
 - Commonwealth Employees' Furlough 1959.
 - Crimes 1959.
 - Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1959
 - National Debt Sinking Fund 1959.
 - Northern Territory (Lessees' Loans Guarantee) 1959.
 - Officers' Rights Declaration 1959.
 - Re-establishment and Employment 1959.
 - Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1959.
 - Ministers of State 1959.
 - 24th April, 1959—*Message No. 11*—
 - Parliamentary Allowances 1959.
 - Parliamentary Retiring Allowances 1959.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Isaacs (Mr. Haworth) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—UNEMPLOYMENT IN COAL MINING AREAS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Luchetti had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to deal with the persisting problem of unemployment in coal mining areas throughout Australia which causes avoidable hardship to miners, tradespeople and the community generally resident in such areas".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Luchetti addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
The discussion having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.

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6. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS 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. Bowden reported accordingly.
Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

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 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.

Canberra, 15th April, 1959.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of 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.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

8. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1959.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(*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. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

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 grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads and to Works connected with Transport.

Canberra, 28th April, 1959.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads and to Works connected with Transport.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
Mr. Holt 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.

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

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

Mr. Holt 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Barnard, Mr. Bland, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Davies, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Howse, Mr. McColm, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Wight and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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