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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 12TH MAY, 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. Davies presented a Petition from certain residents of King Island in the State of Tasmania praying that the House will appoint a select committee to investigate the serious economic difficulties being suffered by soldier land settlers on King Island under the war service land settlement scheme. Petition received and read.
3. TELEVISION SERVICES—STATEMENT BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
 Extension of Television Services—Statement by Postmaster-General made on the 30th April, 1959—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Tariff Board—Reports—
 Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954.
 Tractors exceeding 10 belt pulley horse-power.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1957-58.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Taxation—Thirty-seventh Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1st June, 1958, together with Statistical Appendices.
 Ordered, after debate, to be printed.
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1959—
 No. 1—Mercantile Law.
 No. 2—Powers of Attorney.
 No. 3—Conveyancing.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Interior—B. Watson.
 Postmaster-General—J. Godenzi.
 Works—M. W. Butcher, R. Evans, J. T. Phillips, R. D. Roxburgh.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1959—
 No. 12—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 Nos. 13 and 14—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 15—Australian Workers' Union.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1959—No. 4 (Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).
5. 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:—
 7th May, 1959—*Message No. 22*—
 Education 1959.
 Australian Universities Commission 1959.
 11th May, 1959—*Message No. 23*—Australian Capital Territory Representation 1959.

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6. FISHERIES BILL 1959.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to leave given on the 7th May, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Fisheries Act 1952–1956 ’* ”. Bill read a first time.
Mr. Adermann 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.
7. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—TAXATION PROPOSALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to certain taxation proposals in Papua and New Guinea, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Papua and New Guinea—Taxation Proposals—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
8. CUSTOMS BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

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 *Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954–1957*.

Canberra, 12th May, 1959.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954–1957*.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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

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

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

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 *Tractor Bounty Act 1939–1958*.

Canberra, 12th May, 1959.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Act 1939–1958*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

12th May, 1959.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Osborne 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

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 Assistance to the Gold-Mining Industry.

Canberra, 12th May, 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 Assistance to the Gold-Mining Industry.

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.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt and Mr. McMahon 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. Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

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 *Western Australia Grant (Northern Development) Act 1958*.

Canberra, 12th May, 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 to amend the *Western Australia Grant (Northern Development) Act 1958*.

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.

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. Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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13. HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) BILL 1959.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to facilitate the Borrowing of Money by Co-operative Building Societies and the Commissioner for Housing of the Australian Capital Territory.

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. J. R. Fraser).

Ordered, after debate—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEES (NORTHERN TERRITORY) BILL 1959.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to facilitate the Borrowing of Money by Co-operative Building Societies and Housing Authorities of the Northern Territory of Australia.

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. Nelson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1958-59.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ this House declines to give a second reading to the Bill as it fails to make adequate provision for social service payments, including age and invalid pensions and child endowment, and as it makes no provision for the restoration of cost of living adjustments to wages and salaries of Commonwealth Public Servants ”—

Debate resumed.

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, 63.

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 2) 1958-59.—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—

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. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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17. SUPPLY BILL 1959-60.—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—
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. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1959-60.—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—
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. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads and to Works connected with Transport*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 12th May, 1959.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Ordered—That the Amendment be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bird, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McColm, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Murray and Mr. Riordan.

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