

1959

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 45.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1959.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LAOS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the situation in Laos.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank, Commonwealth Trading Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1959; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Dried Fruits Control Board—Thirty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1958–59, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Twenty-first Annual Report, for 1958.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Repatriation Department—C. C. Burnside, S. G. Koorey, E. L. Parry, M. K. Paxton, A. R. Thompson, G. S. Walker.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPATRIATION BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 65.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Repatriation Act 1920–1958’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
A. M. McMULLIN,
The Senate, President.
Canberra, 16th September, 1959.
On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 66.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1958’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
A. M. McMULLIN,
The Senate, President.
Canberra, 16th September, 1959.
On the motion of Mr. Hulme (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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.

Mr. Daly rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Browne	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 33.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 61.

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

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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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

Mr. Davidson addressing the Committee—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Calwell moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 32.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Jones	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren	

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NOES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
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Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drury	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Davidson continuing to address the Committee—

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

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

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Davidson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
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Mr. Browne	Mr. Drury	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Jones	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 65 of the House of Representatives, viz.:—

That the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory or any sub-committee thereof, when considering certain matters relating to an all-weather road between Canberra and Tumut which were referred to the Committee on the 14th May, 1959, have power to adjourn from place to place.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th September, 1959.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

8. SOCIAL SERVICES 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. A. D. Fraser 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 rates of social service payments adequate to present living costs and representing a fair and reasonable share of the national income, such rates to take effect from the first pension pay day in July".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Allan), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Buchanan, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Failes*, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Nelson*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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