

1959.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 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. DEFENCE REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the Government's review of the defence programme and announced decisions taken to cover a new three year period. Mr. Townley then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Defence Review—Ministerial Statement—
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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Tariff—Orders—
 Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 5.
 Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs (Primage Duties) Nos. 18, 19, 20.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Conservation of Soil Ordinance—Australian Capital Territory Soil Conservation Council—Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments, for years 1957–58 and 1958–59.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Forty-fourth Report—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-eighth, Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Fortieth Reports together with Summaries of those Reports.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Fairhall (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed erection of a Mail Exchange at Roma-street, Brisbane.
Ordered to be printed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—NOTICE OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion standing in the name of the honorable Member for Melbourne proposing the disallowance of the amendments of the Australian Broadcasting Commission (Staff) Regulations made by Statutory Rules 1959, No. 80, being proceeded with forthwith.
Question—put and passed.
7. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION (STAFF) REGULATIONS—AMENDMENTS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Mr. Calwell moved, pursuant to notice, That the amendments of the Australian Broadcasting Commission (Staff) Regulations made by Statutory Rules 1959, No. 80, be disallowed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ward moved, That Mr. A. D. Fraser be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and negatived.
Debate continued.

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Mr. Ward 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, 62.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cash	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Halbert	Mr. King	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
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NOES, 36.

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Uren	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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And so it was negatived.

8. TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House, namely:—Construction of a Technical High School at Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. LOAN 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. Bury), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT.—The following Report was brought up from the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review:—

Report from the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review, 1959.

Ordered to be printed.

26th November, 1959.

11. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEES—EVIDENCE AND DOCUMENTS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 337.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, by leave—

(1) That the operation of Standing Order No. 337 be suspended in relation to evidence taken by and documents presented to the Joint Committees on Constitutional Review prior to the 26th November, 1959.

(2) That a Message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this Resolution.

Question—put and passed.

12. LOAN 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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money for Defence Purposes.

Canberra, 28th September, 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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money for Defence Purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Timson reported accordingly.

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

14. LOAN 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. Timson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL (No. 2) 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEES—EVIDENCE AND DOCUMENTS.—
Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, following the presentation of the Report from the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review, the following Resolution was agreed to by the Senate this day:—

That the operation of Standing Order No. 308 be suspended in relation to evidence taken by and documents presented to the Joint Committees on Constitutional Review prior to 26th November, 1959.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th November, 1959.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

17. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT.—Mr. Pearce brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Third Annual Report by President, for year ended 13th August, 1959.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1958–59.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Second Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1958–59.

Norfolk Island—Reports for the period 1st July, 1953 to 30th June, 1956, and for years 1956–57 and 1957–58.

The Joint Committee has re-considered the printing of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Service Recruitment and now recommends that this Report be printed.

26th November, 1959.

H. G. PEARCE,
for Chairman.

Mr. Pearce moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

18. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1958–59—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Statement.

(In the Committee.)

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That the Committee agrees with the Statement for the year 1958–59 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901–1957*.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Timson reported accordingly.

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

19. AIRPORTS (BUSINESS CONCESSIONS) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 57.

Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Killen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Browne	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	

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AYES, 28.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	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, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dean, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Peters*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Wilson.

*On leave.

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