

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1960.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, dated the tenth day of February, 1960, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:—

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.DUNROSSIL
Governor-General.By His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth
of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and may also, from time to time, by Proclamation or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament:

NOW THEREFORE I, William Shepherd, Viscount Dunrossil, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the Parliament until Tuesday, the eighth of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, or (in the event of circumstances arising, at present unforeseen, which render it expedient that the Parliament should be summoned to assemble at a date earlier than the said Tuesday, the eighth of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty) to such earlier date as may be fixed by a Proclamation summoning the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business.

FURTHERMORE I do appoint the said Tuesday, the eighth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, or such earlier date (if any) as is fixed by Proclamation, as the day for the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. AND all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the building known as Parliament House, Canberra, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon on the said Tuesday, the eighth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, or, in the event of an earlier date being fixed by Proclamation, at three o'clock in the afternoon on the day so fixed.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and sixty and in the ninth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
ROBERT G. MENZIES
Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

2. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

4. MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, consequent on the resignation of Mr. Casey, he had been appointed Minister for External Affairs and Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) had been appointed Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

Mr. Menzies also announced that Mr. Opperman had been appointed Minister for Shipping and Transport following the resignation of Senator Paltridge from that portfolio and that Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) was now in the Cabinet.

5. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—Mr. Calwell informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition, and that Mr. Whitlam had been appointed Deputy Leader.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) congratulated Mr. Calwell and Mr. Whitlam. Mr. Calwell expressed appreciation.

6. ROYAL BIRTH—JOINT ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the following Joint Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, tender to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, our warmest congratulations on the occasion of the birth of a son and express the great joy felt by the people of Australia at this event.

We take this opportunity of expressing our continued loyalty to the Throne and Person of Your Majesty.

Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.

Question—put and passed.

7. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—

His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Honourable John McLeay, M.M., M.P., Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, WILLIAM SHEPHERD, VISCOUNT DUNROSSIL, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the said Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this fourth day of (L.S.) March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty.

DUNROSSIL,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

ROBERT G. MENZIES,
Prime Minister.

8. RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS AND ISSUE OF WRITS FOR ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF LA TROBE AND HUNTER.—

Mr. Speaker announced that during the adjournment he had received letters from the Right Honorable Richard Gardiner Casey, C.H., D.S.O., M.C., and the Right Honorable Herbert Vere Evatt, Q.C., resigning their seats as Members for the Electoral Divisions of La Trobe, in the State of Victoria, and Hunter, in the State of New South Wales, respectively, with effect from the 10th February, 1960, and informed the House that he had on the 26th February issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the said Electoral Divisions. The dates in connexion with the elections were fixed as follows:—

Date of Nomination	Tuesday, 15th March, 1960.
Date of Polling	Saturday, 9th April, 1960.
Date of Return of Writs	On or before Saturday, 21st May, 1960.

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9. EVIDENCE BILL 1960.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence Act* 1905–1956.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker had received a copy, which read as follows:—

You have been called together to deal with matters affecting the well-being and advancement of the Australian nation. I welcome this opportunity, my first, to address the Senators and Members of the Parliament. I am particularly glad to be doing so at a time when we are all rejoicing at the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, to whom our loyal affection goes out; and we have recently received the news, which has greatly pleased us all, of Princess Margaret's engagement.

Since my distinguished predecessor last addressed you Australia has been honoured and delighted by a visit from another member of the Royal Family—Princess Alexandra of Kent.

There will be held this year in London another meeting of the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth.

There will also be held, beginning on the 16th May, a Summit Conference. My Government welcomes all means of relaxation of the tension between the Soviet Union on the one hand and the democratic powers on the other. My Government confidently hopes that the Summit Conference will prepare the ground for other similar meetings working for a progressive growth of confidence and the settlement of outstanding differences.

During the year my Government has sought a growing understanding of the problems of the people of Asia and to co-operate with them in appropriate ways in their constitutional and economic development. The Colombo Plan has been extended for a further period of five years, and Australia's contribution will do much to raise the standard of living throughout the area. My Government is willing to participate in the World Bank scheme for settlement of the Indus Waters question.

Progress towards international disarmament has been disappointingly slow. Nevertheless my Government welcomes the forthcoming meeting of the ten-Power Disarmament Committee and hopes that it will lead to some progress on general measures of disarmament. Before any satisfactory system can be devised, however, all the great military powers would need to be associated with any agreement.

Australia has again been elected to the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Australian activities including scientific research will continue in the Antarctic. My Government welcomes the signing of the Antarctic Treaty during the year and in due course Parliament will be asked to approve its ratification.

Last year, following a comprehensive review of defence policy by my Government, my Minister for Defence announced a new three year defence programme, involving important changes in the organization and equipment policies of the Services. That programme is now being put into operation.

My Government, in co-operation with the Government of the United States of America, is setting up and operating in Australia stations for observing and recording space satellites.

The short range anti-tank weapon Malkara, designed and built in Australia, has been adopted as standard equipment by the British Army and a substantial order has been placed with my Government.

My Government has decided that more active civil defence preparations should be undertaken and following discussions with the States, detailed plans are now being prepared to ensure co-ordination between the Commonwealth and the States.

My advisers have informed me that, whilst employment and production are high and increasing and all branches of trade are active, there are trends in the economy which have been causing them concern. In particular, costs and prices have been rising at an increasing rate. My advisers believe that if these were allowed to continue it would bring needless hardship to a great many people and it would imperil the stability upon which the further growth of Australia depends.

They have therefore decided upon certain courses of policy of which the broad aim is to counter these untoward tendencies, restore balance between demand and supply and bring the rise in costs and prices to an end.

The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission is at present hearing claims for substantial increases in the Federal Basic Wage. My Government will, in the course of these proceedings, inform the Commission of its view that our economy needs time to absorb the two large and widespread wage increases which have already occurred within recent months.

It has also announced that, in its Budget for next financial year, it will do all in its power to avoid deficit finance and it has made known that it agrees with, and will support, the policy of restraining the growth of excessive monetary liquidity.

Furthermore, as part of its general scheme of measures, my Government has removed import controls from the great majority of goods coming to Australia. This means that, apart from certain items which will remain temporarily subject to licensing, the flow of imports to this country will be unrestricted except by the Customs Tariff. This important step has been made possible by the relatively strong position of the Australian Balance of Payments and overseas reserves and my advisers believe that it will produce substantial benefits for the economy.

An independent committee has been appointed to carry out a public investigation of the taxation laws and has begun its work. The decimal currency inquiry is proceeding.

My advisers will bring down legislation to avoid double taxation between the income tax laws of Australia and the Territories of Papua and New Guinea. My advisers are also reviewing the legislation relating to general insurance with the aim of bringing it up to date.

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My Government is concerned that the world wide movement towards freer trade has largely excluded primary products. In a number of important markets restrictive devices of many kinds continue to inhibit free access on commercial terms. My Government will accordingly continue to press for removal of these restrictions, as well as for international measures to ensure greater stability of prices for primary products.

The emergence of two rival trading areas in Europe and the developments flowing from the recent Paris Economic Conference, are being closely watched by my Government, which is alert to Australia's trading interests in these matters.

My Government has continued to promote the sale of Australian products overseas, through its enlarged Trade Commissioner Service, through trade missions, and in co-operation with the Export Development Council and industry and commerce organizations. The increase in many manufacturing exports has been gratifying. A National Export Convention will be held in Canberra in May of this year.

I am advised that there has been a continued growth of manufacturing industry during the past year and that many new projects are being undertaken, a number in association with overseas capital. Protection for efficient and economic Australian industry has always been my Government's policy.

The prospects for 1959-60 favour a continued high level of production for most of our primary industries, and wool production is estimated at a new record level of 1,690 million pounds. My advisers recognize that an important factor in these achievements is the continued support for research activities from governments and industries and the ability of Australian primary producers to put the results of research to good practical use. In this Session legislation will be introduced to permit the establishment of a research scheme in co-operation with the beef industry.

My Government is determined to maintain the impetus to national development and business expansion which immigration provides. In this World Refugee Year my Government will extend Australia's already liberal contribution to the solution of the residual refugee problem. There are already a quarter of a million former refugees who have taken up residence here.

In Papua and New Guinea my Government continues to foster the development of agriculture and industry by both Europeans and natives and is extending welfare services, particularly in education and health. Steady progress in educating the native people towards greater participation in the administration of the Territory through native local government councils and Public Service training schools is being maintained.

In the Northern Territory the Legislative Council has been reconstituted to provide for a non-official majority, and an Administrator's Council with non-official representation is being established. Amendments will be made to the Land Ordinances to permit subdivision of land within the township areas.

My Government is continuing negotiations with a number of overseas countries on air traffic agreements. One purpose is, of course, to secure necessary facilities so that our International Airline Qantas can maintain and expand its operations, particularly in view of the acquisition of its new jet fleet and the commencement of round the world flights. These negotiations have demonstrated the growing interest by overseas operators in the air traffic potential of Australia and its importance on world routes.

My Government is continuing to provide a substantial subsidy to the Australian shipbuilding industry and the number of vessels under construction and orders on hand suggest good prospects for the merchant shipbuilding yards. Work is proceeding to link Sydney and Melbourne by standard gauge railway and the Commonwealth continues to provide increasing sums to the States for expenditure on roads. Legislation will be introduced in conjunction with the States to provide safeguards against the pollution of the sea by oil from ships.

Projects are in hand to provide more adequate accommodation for mail exchanges and in May the Post Office will expand local telephone service facilities over wider areas and include many more subscribers in them. This will be the first step towards a fully automatic working and nationwide subscriber dialling system. Telegraph services are being improved and their operating costs are being reduced.

Following a conference of interested Commonwealth countries in Sydney last September, my Government has expressed its willingness to participate in a Commonwealth trans-Pacific large-capacity submarine telephone cable.

Both national and commercial television services are increasing and by the middle of this year national and commercial stations will be operating in all State capital cities. Applications are being heard for commercial television licences in certain country areas.

In addition to the activities already described, my Government has continued to give special encouragement to the development and strengthening of the Australian economy in many other ways. The executive of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, which continues to give magnificent service to Australian industries, has been enlarged and my advisers welcome the practical recognition of the importance of research that has prompted many industries to provide funds for investigations.

My Government proposes to introduce legislation authorizing the advance of up to £20 million to the Queensland Government in accordance with an agreement for the rehabilitation of the railway to Mount Isa, Townsville and Collinsville. Completion of this great project will do much to hasten the development of the immensely rich mineral and other resources of North Western Queensland.

My Government has continued to assist the Western Australian Government in the development of the area of Western Australia north of the 20th parallel of latitude. Under this arrangement the prime responsibility for the selection, planning and execution of developmental projects within the area rests with the Western Australian Government and in response to its request, my Government has agreed to the construction of a diversion dam on the Ord River as a project to be covered by a contribution of up to £2.5 million from the Commonwealth's grant.

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My Government continues to give active financial support to the search for oil in Australia and its territories and in addition to other assistance, subsidies involving an expenditure of £1 million have been approved for this financial year. Further sums of this order will be made available during the two succeeding financial years. The subsidy to the gold mining industry has been extended at an increased rate for a further three years. In recognition of the importance of discovering new underground supplies of water and the development of known ones, my Government is co-operating with the States to establish a permanent conference to consider these problems.

Work on the Snowy Mountains Scheme is now concentrated on the second phase of the Upper Tumut works and contractors continue to make spectacular progress.

The Australian Atomic Energy Commission's research reactor is now in full operation and it is proceeding with its research programme. Radio-active isotopes are being produced for use in industry, medicine and scientific research.

The year 1958-59 saw the completion of a record number of more than 84,000 new houses and flats, which made a substantial contribution towards reducing the remaining housing shortage. This financial year my Government is again providing approximately £80 million for housing.

The National Capital Development Commission, with increasing assistance from private enterprise, is providing accommodation, schools, other institutions and engineering services, for the rapidly growing population of Canberra. During 1960 the Commission expects to complete the first of the Defence offices at Russell Hill, the new Civic offices, the first of the new university buildings and to proceed with the Lake Scheme.

My Government is continuing to consolidate and develop the national health services. Arrangements for a considerable extension of the field of pharmaceutical benefits have recently been put into operation.

My Government will continue its policy of extending wherever possible measures to promote the welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependants. In the general field of social services my Government, consistent with its policy over the past ten years, is keeping all benefits under review, and prior to the preparation of the next Budget will consider particular problems associated with the application of the means test and the general pensions system. With the co-operation of the States, my Government has recently put into effect the legislation passed last year to extend the complete range of social services to Australian aboriginal natives.

My advisers are considering the report of the Boyer Committee into Public Service Recruitment and legislation will be introduced to provide greater flexibility in meeting the present and future recruitment needs of the Commonwealth Public Service. Legislation will also be brought down to authorize increases in salaries for certain statutory officers in general conformity with recent adjustments in Public Service salaries.

Arising from a conference at Oxford last year, arrangements are now being made to promote and expand Commonwealth co-operation in education. My Government has agreed to provide some 100 scholarships for students from other Commonwealth countries to study in Australia, and together with the Australian universities and State Education Departments, will participate in measures to assist the less developed members of the British Commonwealth.

The Australian Universities Commission is well established in its task of assisting the development of our universities. The Commission is preparing a programme for the period 1961 to 1963 and has appointed its first committee to inquire into the costs associated with the clinical teaching of medical students in hospitals. My advisers have decided to associate the Australian National University and the Canberra University College as one institution from the beginning of 1961 and detailed arrangements for this are being worked out.

My Attorney-General is proceeding with the preliminary steps required to bring into operation the Matrimonial Causes Act. Discussions are taking place with the State judges and administrations and with marriage guidance organizations and it is expected that the Act will be proclaimed by 1st July next. A Marriage Bill will be introduced to deal, for the first time on a uniform basis throughout Australia, with the celebration of marriage and associated questions. My Government is engaged in the substantial task of considering the lengthy and carefully prepared report presented to this Parliament by the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review.

The Crimes Act has been little amended since the First World War and a Bill will be introduced to extend and bring its provisions up to date, particularly with regard to breaches of official secrecy. The Committee appointed by my Government to review the law of copyright has presented a valuable report recommending changes to bring the law into line with contemporary needs. The report will receive early consideration. Legislation will also be brought down to establish the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory by statute rather than by ordinance.

Amendments to the Electoral Act will be brought forward.

My Government proposes to introduce amendments to the Public Works Committee Act which will permit this Parliament, subject to certain exceptions, to examine closely all proposals for public works which are estimated to cost over £250,000.

The development of tendencies to monopoly and restrictive practices in commerce and industry has engaged the attention of the Government which will give consideration to legislation to protect and strengthen free enterprise against such a development.

In the earnest hope that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations and further the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth, I now leave you to the discharge of your high and important duties.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. Murray, Mr. Holten and the Mover be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the Committee do report this day.

Question—put and passed.

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12. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Elections—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections and the House of Representatives
Elections, 1958, for the several States and Territories, together with Summaries of Elections
and Referendums, 1903–1958.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, Nos. 100, 101.
Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9.
Commonwealth Banks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, Nos. 4, 5.
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 96.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 106.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960,
Nos. 2, 16.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 13.
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 104.
Explosives Act—
Explosives Regulations—
Berthing of a vessel (3).
Repeal of Order of General Application.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 95.
Flax Fibre Bounty Act—Return for year ended 31st October, 1959.
Judiciary Act—Rules of Court, dated—
16th December, 1959 (Statutory Rules 1959, No. 107).
11th January, 1960.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Camden, New
South Wales.
Defence purposes—Singleton, New South Wales.
Interior purposes—St. Marys, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—
Biloela, Queensland.
Bowning East, New South Wales.
Bowning West, New South Wales.
Brassi, New South Wales.
Brooks Creek North, New South Wales.
Cadell, South Australia.
Connors Creek, New South Wales.
Coolac North, New South Wales.
Coonamble, New South Wales.
Cynet, Tasmania.
Dural, New South Wales.
Galba, New South Wales.
Glenfield, New South Wales.
Gundagai North, New South Wales.
Hagley, Tasmania.
Hall North, New South Wales.
Hope Forest, South Australia.
Jeir, New South Wales.
Kenmore, New South Wales.
Kickabil, New South Wales.
Marble Bar, Western Australia.
Mingay, New South Wales.
Ponde, South Australia.
South Broken Hill, New South Wales.
Sutton, New South Wales.
Tilbuster, New South Wales.
Valeview, New South Wales.
Villawood, New South Wales.
Wantabadgery, New South Wales.
Wentworth, New South Wales.
West Wyalong, New South Wales.
Yaven, New South Wales.
Railway purposes—
Farina, South Australia.
Marree, South Australia.
Stirling North, South Australia.
Works purposes—Tamworth, New South Wales.
Lands Acquisition Act and Lighthouses Act—Land, &c., acquired for Shipping and Transport
purposes—
Cape Donington, South Australia.
Wardang Island, South Australia.
Winceby Island, South Australia.

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- Life Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 98.
- Loan (Short-term Borrowings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 94.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 103.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 97.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1960—No. 1—Slaughtering.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1959—No. 27—Welfare.
Regulations—
1959—No. 9 (Justices Ordinance).
1960—
No. 1 (Stock Diseases Ordinance).
No. 2 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).
Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1959, No. 105.
1960, No. 10.
- Northern Territory Representation Act, Northern Territory (Administration) Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 1.
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1959—
No. 45—Excise (Beer).
No. 46—Workers' Compensation.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 14.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1959, No. 102.
1960, No. 15.
- Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
Air—G. M. Bailey.
Army—V. Mychajliw.
Attorney-General—R. X. McCann, M. H. G. Whiteman.
Civil Aviation—L. C. Dobbin, R. B. Giles, H. D. Ziesing.
Defence—J. V. Suffield.
Health—C. M. Franks, A. B. Howkins, P. W. Petterson.
National Development—H. L. Davies, W. R. Morgan, J. R. Pollard.
Postmaster-General—B. H. Wall.
Prime Minister—J. McMahan, W. E. G. Salter.
Repatriation—J. K. Beckley, L. M. Cakebread.
Social Services—G. G. Edington.
Supply—J. M. Atkinson, T. G. G. Feuerriegel, L. O. Freeman, J. S. Howe, I. T. McDermott, J. M. Monotti, K. J. Morony, B. J. Polomka, D. F. Stainsby, A. J. Stern.
Territories—G. L. Benjamin, M. T. Brennan, H. F. Eggington.
Treasury—D. H. Harrison, S. R. Korner, H. B. Wilson.
Works—D. J. Aron, B. R. Balfour, J. A. Biggins, M. R. Brown, D. Colombo, R. C. Davis, F. L. Davison, A. G. Donaldson, C. W. Fitzgerald, C. F. Grant, W. K. Hodge, G. Holland, P. J. Holligan, P. G. Incoll, R. E. Judge, M. E. Latham, T. Meiusi, P. M. McHugh, D. C. McLean, D. M. Muirhead, D. A. Nam, K. H. Paine, P. R. Phillips, R. F. Pryor, P. A. T. Richardson, E. M. Richmond, A. Roga, J. R. Schenk, E. W. Shaw, D. E. Sherlock, R. J. Stone, H. G. Thompson, C. L. Tompkins, E. Trawinski, R. T. Ward, R. Westren, J. K. White, M. B. Willoughby-Thomas, H. G. Wolfram, P. J. Wood, N. S. Wright, T. C. Yardley.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 99.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1959—
No. 90—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
No. 91—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.
Nos. 92 and 93—Musicians' Union of Australia.
Nos. 94, 95 and 96—Actors and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.
No. 97—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
No. 98—Australian Workers' Union.
- Rayon Yarn Bounty Act—Return for year ended 31st October, 1959.
- Reserve Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 3.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—
1959—
No. 18—Weights and Measures.
No. 19—Water Rates.
No. 20—Workmen's Compensation (No. 2).
No. 21—Ordinances Revision.
No. 22—Seat of Government (Administration).
1960—No. 1—Amendments Incorporation.

Regulations—1959—

- No. 15 (Weights and Measures Ordinance).
 - No. 16 (Building and Services Ordinance).
 - No. 17 (Machinery Ordinance).
 - No. 18 (Cemeteries Ordinance).
 - No. 19 (Education Ordinance).
 - No. 20 (Plant Diseases Ordinance).
 - No. 21 (Police Ordinance).
 - No. 22 (Pounds Ordinance).
 - No. 23 (Rabbit Destruction Ordinance).
 - No. 24 (Stock Ordinance).
 - No. 25 (Workmen's Compensation Ordinance).
- Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1958–59.
Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 11.

13. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Murray brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Murray moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Holten seconded the motion.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past five 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. Bird, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Daly and Mr. Drummond.

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