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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1960.

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. RETURNS TO WRITS—HUNTER AND LA TROBE DIVISIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received Returns to the Writs which he had issued on the 26th February last for the election of Members to serve for the Electoral Divisions of Hunter, in the State of New South Wales, and La Trobe, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of the Right Honorable Herbert Vere Evatt, Q.C., and the Right Honorable Richard Gardiner Casey, C.H., D.S.O., M.C., respectively. By the endorsement on the Writs, it was certified that Albert William James had been elected as the Member to serve for the Division of Hunter, and that John David Jess had been elected as the Member to serve for the Division of La Trobe.
3. MEMBERS SWORN.—Albert William James, Esquire, and John David Jess, Esquire, were introduced, and in turn made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Menzies and Mr. Hasluck, he would act as Prime Minister, Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) would act as Minister for External Affairs and Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) would act as Minister for Territories.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1958–59.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 21.  
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 22.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—  
Defence purposes—Cairns, Queensland.  
Postal purposes—  
Bexhill, New South Wales.  
Castlestead, New South Wales.  
Nanima, New South Wales.  
The Rock North, New South Wales.  
The Rock South, New South Wales.  
Uranquinty, New South Wales.  
Navigation Act—Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination dated 5th April, 1960.  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 20.  
Public Service Act—  
Appointments—Department—  
Defence—A. N. Broughton, D. D. Stewart.  
Health—F. E. Peters.  
Postmaster-General—P. Cherbena, K. L. Hickin, B. Rose.  
Primary Industry—B. A. Tierney.  
Supply—D. R. Graham, W. K. Hannaford, E. G. Hardie.  
Works—J. R. Brett, P. W. Dolan, R. A. Douglas, N. B. Higgs, T. J. Hirsch, J. L. Silbert, R. J. Whitaker.  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 18.  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—National Memorials Ordinance—Determination naming certain Divisions of the Canberra City District, dated 16th March, 1960.  
Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 23.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:—  
8th April, 1960—*Message No. 4*—Australian National University, 1960.
7. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1960.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Matters connected with the Agreements referred to in the *International Monetary Agreements Act 1947*.  
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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. FLAX INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1960.—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.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—FLAX INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1960.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—  
DUNROSSIL,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 5.*  
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 repeal the *Flax Industry Act 1953*, and for purposes connected therewith.  
Canberra, 6th April, 1960.  
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.  
*(In the Committee.)*  
Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Flax Industry Act 1953*, and for purposes connected therewith.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.  
The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Adermann, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
11. FLAX INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1960.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
*(In the Committee.)*  
Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.  
Clause 3 debated and agreed to.  
Remainder of 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. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
12. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1960.—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. Dean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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13. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1960.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.  
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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
14. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1960.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Acts 1959*.  
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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
15. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1960.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953–1959*.  
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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
16. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1960.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

17. WHALING BILL 1960.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Hulme (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. Hulme moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

18. HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the substance of the Address in Reply which you presented to me on the 31st March, 1960, has been communicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

It is The Queen's wish that I convey to you and to Honorable Members of the House of Representatives Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

Yours sincerely,

DUNROSSIL,  
Governor-General.

21st April, 1960.

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19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hulme (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. Browne, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Drummond\*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nelson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Stokes\* and Mr. Timson.

\* On leave.

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