

1960.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Bland presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will pass legislation to ease the means test and increase social service benefits payable to civilian widow pensioners and their dependent children.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Copper Bounty Act—Return for year 1958–59.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—
Berremangra West, New South Wales.
Kapooka, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—J. T. Coman.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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 Bills:—
5th May, 1960—*Message No. 11*—
Papua and New Guinea 1960.
Flax Industry Act Repeal 1960.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—HOUSING.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Bird had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide adequate funds to the State Government housing instrumentalities to enable them to build sufficient houses to meet the growing accommodation needs of the community, particularly those in the lower income groups, and to carry out more work of slum reclamation and re-housing in their inner suburban areas".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Bird addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Robertson addressing the House—
Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Daly moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.
Question—put and negatived.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the time allotted for the discussion being extended by three minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Discussion continued.
The time allotted having expired, the discussion was terminated.

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6. STATE GRANT (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 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.)

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. Hulme (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 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. Swartz), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
10th May, 1960—*Message No. 14*—International Monetary Agreements 1960.

9. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 17, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 17, I do hereby nominate—

Frederick Charles Chaney, Esquire,
Joseph James Clark, Esquire,
Laurence John Failes, Esquire,
Charles William Jackson Falkinder, Esquire,
Anthony Sylvester Luchetti, Esquire,
Philip Ernest Lucock, Esquire,
The Honorable Norman John Oswald Makin,
Edward William Peters, Esquire,
Thomas Frank Timson, Esquire, and
Bruce McDonald Wight, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this ninth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to eleven 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. Bandidt, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Clarey*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drummond*, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck*, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Minogue, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Stokes*, Mr. Timson* and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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