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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE, 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. Griffiths 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—
Flax Industry Act Repeal Act—Flax Commission—Sixth and Final Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1st July, 1959, to 31st March, 1960.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of National Development—E. F. N. Seton.
Mr. Luchetti, by leave, laid upon the Table the following Paper—
Interim Report of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party Mining Committee on the Coal and Shale Mining Industry, and recommendations in regard thereto.
4. CUSTOMS HOUSE, MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1960*, 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 new Customs House, Melbourne.
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—WORKS AT PERTH AIRPORT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1960*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—Construction of Apron, Roads, Car Parks and Engineering Services for proposed new Terminal Building at Perth Airport, Western Australia; also extension of North South Runway and widening, strengthening and extension of Associated Taxiways.
Question—put and passed.
6. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1959-60 [No. 2].—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. Anthony), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. BENDIGO ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Wednesday, the 8th June, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Bendigo, in the State of Victoria, in the place of the Honorable Percy James Clarey, deceased. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows:—
Date of Nomination Thursday, 23rd June, 1960.
Date of Polling Saturday, 16th July, 1960.
Date of Return of Writ On or before Saturday, 27th August, 1960.

1st and 2nd June, 1960.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1959-60 [No. 2].—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—

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1960.

Debate continued.

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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.
Question—put and passed.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1959-60.—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—
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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

11. SUPPLY BILL 1960-61.—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—
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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

12. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1960-61.—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—
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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Aston, Mr. Beazley, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. McIvor, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Murray, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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