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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1960.

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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Aston 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 and read.
A similar Petition was presented by Mr. Failes, and was received.
Mr. Ward presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia praying that the House will (a) bring forward emergency legislation to grant an immediate pension increase of £1 per week, provide free medical and pharmaceutical benefits and control prices, and (b) consider increasing pensions to half the male basic wage.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented by Sir Earle Page, Mr. Dean, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. James, and were severally received.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Wool Bureau—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1959–60.
Flax Commission—Supplementary Report and financial accounts for period 1st April, to 30th May, 1960.
Qantas Empire Airways Limited—Twenty-sixth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for 1959.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—A. E. Shields.
Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1959–60.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for 1959.
4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—
(1) That Mr. Fairbairn be appointed a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, in the place of Mr. Joske, resigned.
(2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Thompson (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Forty-seventh Report—Broadcasting and Television Services (underspending of Capital Works and Services Division No. 58—Item 1).
Ordered to be printed.

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6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL BUILDING, PERTH AIRPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Fairhall (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed construction of a new International Terminal Building at Perth Airport, Western Australia—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Wentworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY.—Mr. Browne moved, pursuant to notice, That the gold-mining industry is of great importance to Australia's economy and that the decline in gold production should be arrested. Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108, Mr. Crean was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. NATIONAL LIBRARY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Crean, That the Paper [*presented on the 5th May, 1960*], viz.:—
National Library—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Crean was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. LATROBE VALLEY INCIDENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Wentworth, That, in the opinion of this House, the truth about certain recent incidents in the Latrobe Valley should be ascertained and made public—
Debate resumed.—
The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr. Crean was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. AUDIT BILL 1960.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901–1959*, as amended by the *Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Act 1960*.
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. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. TARIFF BOARD 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.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jess	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whittorn
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Browne	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 36.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clay	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	Tellers:
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holten	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 33.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

12. CUSTOMS 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—

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.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jess	Mr. Osborne
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Tellers:
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Murray	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 31.				
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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13. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 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—
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. McEwen (Minister for Trade), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. MARRIAGE 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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business.

16. REPATRIATION LAW—ONUS OF PROOF.—Mr. Barnard moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, that section of the repatriation law relating to the onus of proof is not being administered in a proper way.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Bryant), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Davis, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Howse, Mr. Howson, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Uren.

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