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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Peter Thorneycroft, M.P., Minister for Aviation in the Government of the United Kingdom, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) would act as Attorney-General and would represent in this House the Minister for National Development.
4. INDUS WATERS AGREEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Indus Waters Treaty and the Indus Basin Development Fund Agreement, signed in Karachi on the 19th September, 1960, and informed the House of the contribution proposed to be made by Australia under the Agreement. Mr. Menzies also informed the House that he had forwarded messages of congratulation to the Prime Minister of India and the President of Pakistan on the signing of the Treaty.
Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the Agreements and associated the Opposition with the messages of congratulation.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank—Report and financial statements for year 1959–60; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 72.
Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for year 1959–60.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 70.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 69.
Customs Tariff—Orders—
Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 8.
Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 30, 31.
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29.
Fishing Industry Act—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1959–60.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—
Bevendale, New South Wales.
Billinudgel North, New South Wales.
Boorolong, New South Wales.
Brooklet South, New South Wales.
Ewingsdale West, New South Wales.
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McLeans Ridges East, New South Wales.
 Menai, New South Wales.
 Nimbin, New South Wales.
 Wilsons Ridges, New South Wales.
 Wirlinga, New South Wales.
 Yallaroi, New South Wales.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, Nos. 64, 65.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1960—

No. 3—Prisons.
 No. 4—Brands.
 No. 5—Police and Police Offences.
 No. 6—Matrimonial Causes.
 No. 7—Encouragement of Primary Production.
 No. 8—Lottery and Gaming.
 No. 9—Stock Routes and Travelling Stock.
 No. 10—Welfare.
 No. 11—Mining.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 71.

Public Accounts Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 66.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Social Services—E. S. Jeffries.

Public Works Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 67.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1960—No. 6—Administration and Probate.

Regulations—1960—No. 6 (Fish Protection Ordinance).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1959–60.

Social Services Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of Director-General of Social Services, for year 1959–60.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 68.

6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1960–61.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £2,346,000"—further debated.

Closure.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £5,779,000"—

Vote—"Department of Works, £4,289,000"—

Votes together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SOCIAL SERVICES 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. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four 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 Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cope, Mr. Costa, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holt*, Mr. Howson*, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McColm, Mr. Russell*, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Timson and Mr. Wentworth.

* On leave.

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