

1961.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1961.

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. PETITION.—Mr. J. R. Fraser presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Government will take immediate action to defer the implementation of rental increases of Government-owned dwellings in Canberra and conduct an inquiry into Canberra rentals at which evidence may be taken both from individuals and from community organizations.  
Petition received.
3. RETIREMENT OF HONORABLE G. LAWSON.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) drew attention to the retirement from the House, at the close of this Parliament, of the honorable Member for Brisbane (Mr. Lawson). Mr. Menzies paid tribute to the long Parliamentary service of the honorable Member and also referred to the esteem in which he was held. Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) and Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.  
Mr. Lawson made his acknowledgments to the House.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—R. Gaudion.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
19th April, 1961—*Message No. 2—Marriage 1961.*
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question proposed—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.  
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.  
Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Dean brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—  
Report relating to the proposed construction of a Chemical Physics Laboratory Building for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Clayton, Victoria.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. NATIVE WELFARE CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the work of the Native Welfare Conference held in Canberra in January last, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Native Welfare Conference—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.

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10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

20th April, 1961—*Message*—

No. 3—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1961.

No. 4—Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) 1961 (*without requests*).

11. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had appointed Mr. Fairbairn to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Howse.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE BILL 1961.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth:—

DALLAS BROOKS,  
*Administrator.*

*Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to establish a Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Trust Account in respect of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory of Australia, and for purposes connected therewith.

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Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to establish a Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Trust Account in respect of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory of Australia, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Cameron and Mr. Opperman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Bill brought up by Mr. Cameron, and read a first time.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1961.—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. Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Davidson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

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| Mr. Allan         | Mr. Davidson  | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. King      | Mr. Wentworth   |
| Mr. Anthony       | Mr. Davis     | Mr. Freeth       | Mr. Lindsay   | Mr. Wheeler     |
| Mr. Barnes        | Mr. Dean      | Mr. Halbert      | Mr. Lucock    | Mr. Whittorn    |
| Mr. Buchanan      | Mr. Downer    | Mr. Hasluck      | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Wight       |
| Mr. Bury          | Mr. England   | Mr. Haworth      | Mr. McColm    | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Erwin     | Mr. Howson       | Mr. Opperman  |                 |
| Mr. Chaney        | Mr. Failes    | Mr. Jack         | Mr. Robertson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Chipp         | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Jess         | Mr. Stokes    |                 |
| Mr. Chresby       | Mr. Forbes    | Mr. Kelly        | Mr. Swartz    | Mr. Aston       |
| Mr. Cleaver       | Mr. Fox       | Mr. Killen       | Mr. Turner    | Mr. Turnbull    |

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|                   |                  | NOES, 37.     |              |                 |
| Mr. Barnard       | Mr. Clay         | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Makin    | Mr. Uren        |
| Mr. Beaton        | Mr. Cope         | Mr. Harrison  | Mr. Minogue  | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Beazley       | Mr. Costa        | Mr. Haylen    | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. Bird          | Mr. Courtnay     | Mr. James     | Mr. Peters   |                 |
| Mr. Bryant        | Mr. Daly         | Mr. Johnson   | Mr. Pollard  | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cairns        | Mr. Davies       | Mr. Jones     | Mr. Reynolds |                 |
| Mr. Calwell       | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. Kearney   | Mr. Russell  | Mr. Duthie      |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Galvin       | Mr. Luchetti  | Mr. Thompson | Mr. Stewart     |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairhall\*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hulme, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Sexton.

\* On leave.

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N. J. PARKES,  
*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.*