

1961.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1961.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Railways—Interim Report for year 1960–61.

Treaties—Texts of—

- (1) Convention on the Organization and Juridical Personality of the International Hydrographic Bureau, signed for Australia, 14th September, 1961.
- (2) Declaration on the Provisional Accession of Argentina to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed for Australia, 13th June, 1961.
- (3) Declaration on the Provisional Accession of Israel to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed for Australia, 24th July, 1961.
- (4) Notes exchanged on 22nd May, 1961, between the Australian and United States Governments, constituting an agreement for co-operation in an ultra violet survey of the southern skies.
- (5) Notes exchanged on 5th June, 1961, between the Australian and United States Governments, constituting an agreement for co-operation in a transit navigational satellite tracking programme.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1960–61, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Postal purposes—

Burnie, Tasmania.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Lameroo, South Australia.

Shipping and Transport purposes—Little River, Victoria.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1961—

No. 30—Land (Papua).

No. 31—Land (New Guinea).

No. 32—Papua and New Guinea Retirement Benefits.

No. 35—Native Employment.

War Service Homes Act—Report of the Director of War Service Homes, for year 1960–61.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Gwydir (Mr. Allan) and Canning (Mr. Hamilton) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas, and to the honorable Member for Gippsland (Mr. Bowden) on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Wentworth (Mr. Bury) and Bruce (Mr. Snedden) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas, and to the honorable Member for Ballarat (Mr. Erwin) on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

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5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Grayndler (Mr. Daly), Kingston (Mr. Galvin), Brisbane (Mr. Lawson) and Port Adelaide (Mr. Thompson) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1961-62.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £2,437,000"—debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That, if the group of Votes for the Departments of Customs and Excise, Trade, and Primary Industry, and for Bounties and Subsidies be reached before the conclusion of to-morrow's proceedings, the order for the consideration of Votes agreed upon by the Committee on the 6th September be varied to consider this group at a later stage.

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £6,664,000"—

Vote—"Department of Works, £4,810,000"—

Votes together debated.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 53.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cash	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Chaney	Mr. England	Mr. Jess	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—
Fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report,
for year 1960-61.
9. 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:—
27th September, 1961—Message No. 34—
Social Services 1961.
Repatriation 1961.
Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1961.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

27th and 28th September, 1961.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Hasluck 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, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cash	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Chaney	Mr. England	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 19.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	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 twenty-eight minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Allan*, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bury*, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Erwin*, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Hamilton*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Snedden* and Mr. Thompson*.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.