

1961.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 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—
Christmas Island—Report for period 1st October, 1958 to 30th June, 1960.
International Labour Conference—Forty-fifth Session, Geneva, June, 1961—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 52.
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 57.
Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1960–61.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1961—No. 8—Probate and Administration.
Rayon Yarn Bounty Act—Return for year 1960–61.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1961—No. 13 (Education Ordinance).
Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1960–61.
Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1961.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Fairhall (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed construction of Permanent Barracks and Administrative Accommodation at H.M.A.S. *Kuttabul*, Sydney, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. Davis (Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Fifty-seventh Report—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-ninth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Forty-third, Forty-seventh and Fifty-first Reports together with Summaries of those Reports.
Fifty-eighth Report—The Reports of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1960–61.
Generally ordered to be printed.
5. APPLICATION FOR VISA TO VISIT SOVIET UNION—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Daly, by leave, made a Statement regarding a letter concerning an application made by him for a visa to visit the Soviet Union, which was written by the Press Attaché of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and appeared in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of the 23rd October, 1961.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. WEAPONS WORKSHOP AT H.M.A. NAVAL DOCKYARD, GARDEN ISLAND—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:—Erection of a Weapons Workshop at H.M.A. Naval Dockyard, Garden Island, Sydney.
Question—put and passed.

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8. COAL LOADING WORKS AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) 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. James), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 32 TO 39), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 5) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENTS (NOS. 5 AND 6).—
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 32).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—
12th October, 1961; and
19th October, 1961.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
51. By inserting a new paragraph (5) in sub-item (c) as follows:— “ (5) Canned tuna per lb.	7d.	9d.	1s.”
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
179. By omitting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— “ (a) Rectifying elements, power, selenium or copper oxide ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.”
219. By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “ (2) Chisels, woodworking— (a) Wood turning; wood carving; coopers’ ad val. (b) Other ad val.	Free 20 per cent.	7½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	12½ per cent. 32½ per cent.”
By inserting a new sub-item as follows:— “ (d) Levels, bubble ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.”
DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.			
360. By omitting sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (A) Work trucks propelled by self-contained power, designed for loading unloading stacking or tiering of goods or materials by means of fork or other attachments to elevating masts, and parts n.e.i., whether malleable iron castings or not, identifiable as being for use solely or principally with such work trucks— (1) Work trucks, complete or substantially complete ad val. (2) Other ad val.	15 per cent. 15 per cent.	22½ per cent. 22½ per cent.	32½ per cent. 32½ per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 33).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—
12th October, 1961; and
19th October, 1961.

25th October, 1961.

**THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.**

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

118. By omitting sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“ (c) (1) Linoleums - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	32½ per cent.
(2) Floor coverings having a surface similar to linoleums, not covered by item 368 (A) (3) (a) and not being tiles—			
(a) With paper felt base - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	27½ per cent.	32½ per cent.
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

368. By omitting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:—			
“ (a) (1) Flooring or wall tiles - - - - - per square yard or ad val.	2s. 3d. 17½ per cent.	4s. 6d. 35 per cent.	6s. 47½ per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(2) Floor coverings with paper felt base, not being tiles ad val.	17½ per cent.	27½ per cent.	32½ per cent.
(3) Floor coverings, other - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 36).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

12th October, 1961; and
19th October, 1961.

**THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.**

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

51. By omitting the words “Fish, viz.:—” and inserting in their stead the words “Fish crustaceans and molluscs (not including soup)—”.			
By omitting from sub-item (A) the words “Fish of” and inserting in their stead the word “Of”.			
57. By omitting sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“ (G) Bean seed of the species <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> —			
(1) For cultivation - - - - - per cental	£2 10s.	£2 10s.	£2 10s.
(2) Other - - - - - per cental	£1 5s.	£1 5s.	£1 5s.”

DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

232. By inserting a new paragraph (4) in sub-item (E) as follows:—			
“ (4) Containing not less than 50 per cent. by weight of condensates and polycondensates of 2 : 2-di-(p-hydroxyphenyl) propane (bisphenol A) and epichlorohydrin - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.”

DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

280. By inserting a new sub-item as follows:—			
“ (Q) 2 : 2-di-(p-hydroxyphenyl) propane (bisphenol A) per lb. less ad val.	9d. 17½ per cent.	9d. ..	9d. .. ”

THE SCHEDULE—*continued*.
IMPORT DUTIES—*continued*.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
367. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—			
“ 367. Artificial resins and plastic materials—			
(A) Condensation polycondensation and poly-addition products, whether or not modified or polymerised and whether or not linear, of the epoxy type—			
(1) Emulsions solutions pastes powders granules flakes lumps and similar forms, including moulding compounds, not covered by item 232 (E) or item 255 (B) (1); waste and scrap—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - -	Free	Free	Free
(b) Condensation and polycondensation products of 2 : 2-di-(p-hydroxyphenyl) propane (bisphenol A) and epichlorohydrin, whether or not modified or polymerised - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.
(c) Other - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(2) Sheets strip and plates, tubes rods sticks and other profile shapes, whether or not printed polished embossed or otherwise surface worked, but not including material which has been further worked (e.g. drilled milled contour worked, edges bevelled, fittings attached) - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(3) Articles n.e.i. made therefrom - ad val.	30 per cent.	47½ per cent.	55 per cent.”
456. By inserting a new item as follows:—			
“ 456. Articles of an advertising character, which would not otherwise be dutiable at a higher rate of duty under any other heading, including all articles which would be free but for their advertising characteristics - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	37½ per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 37).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “ Customs Tariff Proposals ” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

12th October, 1961; and
19th October, 1961.

25th October, 1961.

**THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.**

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
400. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 400. Goods imported for repair, alteration or industrial processing and intended to be exported, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”
401. By inserting a new sub-item as follows:— “ (d) Goods or parts of goods which, after having been properly entered for home consumption in Australia, were exported, without drawback or refund of duty having been paid thereon, for repair or renovation otherwise than by the original manufacturer, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— (1) Provided suitable repairs or renovations could not, in the opinion of the Minister, have been made in the United Kingdom or Australia - - - - - (2) Provided suitable repairs or renovations could not, in the opinion of the Minister, have been made in Australia - - - - - <i>and</i> on the repairs - - - - - ad val. (3) Other - - - - - <i>and</i> , on the repairs, a duty, calculated at the rate applying to the goods imported, under the item which but for item 401 would apply to those goods.”	Free Free Free Free	Free Free 7½ per cent. Free	Free Free 7½ per cent. Free

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 38).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “ Customs Tariff Proposals ” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

12th October, 1961; and
19th October, 1961.

**THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.**

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
219. By omitting sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (3) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— “ (c) (1) Bolt cutters - - - - - ad val. (2) Pipe cutters - - - - - ad val.	Free 12½ per cent.	7½ per cent. 20 per cent.	7½ per cent. 25 per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 39).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “ Customs Tariff Proposals ” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

12th October, 1961; and
19th October, 1961.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
194. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—			
“ 194. (A) Iron and steel chain, including attachment repair or other links therefor—			
(1) Wrought, composed of welded links manufactured from metal not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(2) Machine driving; sprocket; link belting—			
(a) Roller bush or inverted tooth types, whether or not also designed for conveying or elevating goods or materials; bicycle chain - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(b) Wholly or partly of malleable cast iron, not covered by sub-paragraph (a) - - - per lb. or ad val.	1d. 20 per cent.	2½d. 45 per cent.	2½d. 45 per cent.
(c) Designed for conveying or elevating goods or materials, not covered by sub-paragraph (a) or (b) - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(3) Other - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.
(B) Chain of base metal, not covered by sub-item (A) - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That the Second Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1960-1961* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.

Omit consecutive numbers 52 and 53 in column 1 and the particulars specified in columns 2 and 3 opposite to those consecutive numbers, insert the following consecutive numbers and particulars:—

“ 52	..	360 (A) (1)	Omit ‘ 15 per cent.’, insert ‘ 17½ per cent.’
“ 53	..	360 (A) (2)	Omit ‘ 15 per cent.’, insert ‘ 17½ per cent.’”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1961* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
6.	By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—	
“ 6	51 Fish, viz.:—	
	(B) Fresh, smoked or dried (but not salted), or preserved by cold process	Free
	(C) Preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels including the weight of liquid contents—	
	(1) Salmon - - - - -	} Free
	(2) Crustaceans - - - - -	
	(3) Sardines - - - - -	
	(4) Other - - - - -	
	(5) Canned tuna - - - - -	
	Ex (D) Fish pastes - - - - -	Free
	(E) Oysters, fresh, in the shell - - - - -	Free
	(F) N.E.I. - - - - -	Free ”

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CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 6).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1961* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
14. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—		
" 14	Ex 74 Meats, viz.:—	
	(A) (2) Fresh or smoked - - - - -	10 per cent. ad val.
	(B) Potted or concentrated, including extracts of, and meat jellies—	
	(1) Liquid extracts - - - - -	Free
	(2) Other - - - - -	17½ per cent. ad val.
	(C) Preserved in tins or other airtight vessels, including the weight of the liquid contents - - - - -	2d. per lb.
	(D) (2) Preserved by cold process - - - - -	10 per cent. ad val."

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chaney reported accordingly.

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

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—

Bean Seed (*Phaseolus vulgaris*).
Bisphenol A: Epoxy Resins.
Bolt Cutters.
Chain and Chains.
Fish in Airtight Containers.
Floor Coverings.
Penicillins and Streptomycin.
Poultry.
Spirit Levels.
Work Trucks, Mechanically Propelled.

Severally ordered to be printed.

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1961.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Osborne moved, by leave, 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. Chaney reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. COAL LOADING WORKS AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) 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.
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.

25th and 26th October, 1961.

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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COAL LOADING WORKS AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) BILL 1961.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

DE L'ISLE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales with respect to certain Coal Loading Works.

Canberra, 19th October, 1961.

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

(In the Committee.)

Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales with respect to certain Coal Loading Works.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Garfield Barwick, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

14. COAL LOADING WORKS AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) BILL 1961.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(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 Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16. AIRLINES AGREEMENTS 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. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. RAILWAY AGREEMENT (QUEENSLAND) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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. Makin reported accordingly.

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

25th and 26th October, 1961.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—RAILWAY AGREEMENT (QUEENSLAND) BILL 1961.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

DE L'ISLE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 44.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland with respect to the Collinsville-Townsville-Mount Isa Railway.

Canberra, 18th October, 1961.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland with respect to the Collinsville-Townsville-Mount Isa Railway.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

19. RAILWAY AGREEMENT (QUEENSLAND) BILL 1961.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be discharged:—

12. Post Office—Commercial Accounts—Ad Hoc Committee of Inquiry—Reports and Addenda—Motion for Printing Papers—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the Papers be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

25th October, 1961—*Message*—

No. 75—States Grants (Special Assistance) 1961.

No. 76—Audit 1961.

No. 77—Navigation 1961.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hulme (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Wentworth be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the question be now put.

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

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

And then the House, at six minutes to two 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. Beazley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Chresby, Mr. Clay, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drury, Mr. Erwin*, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. Uren and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.