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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. TINPLATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the allocation of tinplate in Australia.
4. LOSS OF AIRLINER *Amana*—REPORTS OF AIR COURT OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the reports of the Air Court of Inquiry on the accident involving the loss of the airliner *Amana* near York, Western Australia, on the 26th June, 1950. Mr. Anthony then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

Loss of Airliner *Amana*, 26th June, 1950—

 - (1) Report of Air Court of Inquiry,
 - (2) Supplementary Report, and
 - (3) Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Civil Aviation regarding the Report—

and moved, That the Papers be printed.

Mr. Drakeford moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. R.M.M.V. *Aorangi*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that naval ratings would be made available to man the R.M.M.V. *Aorangi* for service between Australia and Canada.
6. BALACLAVA AND MACQUARIE BY-ELECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writs in connexion with the By-elections for the Division of BalACLava and the Division of Macquarie, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 21st June.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Mr. Bird, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cramer, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Watkins.
Question—put and passed.
8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Clark, Mr. McDonald, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Rosevear be members of the Standing Orders Committee.
Question—put and passed.
9. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Turnbull be members of the Committee of Privileges ; five to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
10. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Library Committee.
Question—put and passed.
11. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Cremean, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Wilson be members of the Printing Committee.
Question—put and passed.
12. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1951.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1950*.
Question—put and passed.

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13. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1951.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Salaries of certain Offices in the Public Service. Question—put and passed. Mr. Hasluck then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
14. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1951.—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. Mr. E. James Harrison addressing the House—*Closure*.—Mr. Swartz moved, That the question be now put. Question—That the question be now put—put. The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Eiggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis		Mr. Robertson	

NOES, 45.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller		Mr. Rosevear	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1951.—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 by Mr. Calwell, who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into and report as a matter of urgency upon the proposed imposition of these heavy increases in charges at a time when revenue from other sources is at a record high level".

Debate continued.

Mr. Cremean moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anderson, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Chambers, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeay and Mr. Wheeler.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.