

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

TUESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) presented several Petitions from certain officers of Unions and Associations of Commonwealth Public Servants and other Commonwealth employees praying that the Parliament will provide increases in the marginal rates for skill of Commonwealth Public Servants.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
4. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Casey, Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) would act as Minister for External Affairs and the Minister for National Development would be represented in the House of Representatives by Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply).
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—Forty-third Annual Report, for year 1952-53.
Sugar—International Agreement for the Regulation of the Production and Marketing of Sugar, signed at London, October, 1953.
United Nations—General Assembly—Eighth Session, New York, 15th September to 10th December, 1953—Summary Report of Australian Delegation.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for the year ended 31st July, 1953.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Mount Eliza, Victoria.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—J. B. Davies.
Defence Production—A. A. Shevtzoff.
Supply—W. J. F. Somerville, G. B. Wheaton.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for 1953.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, for year 1952-53.
6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Twelfth Report—Postmaster-General's Department.
Fifteenth Report—Repatriation Department.
Severally ordered to be printed.
7. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1954.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—*, before this House gives final approval to the Bill, there should be appointed an investigating authority vested with power to report to Parliament as to the subject matter of the Bill and especially as to the precise effect the proposed reduction will have upon (a) shipping freights and (b) the efficient performance by the Stevedoring Industry

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Commission of its functions and powers in relation to the provision of port and harbour facilities relating to shipping and stevedoring and to the provision of adequate amenities for those employed in or about the industry of stevedoring"—

Debate resumed.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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, 61.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 46.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremeen	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

8. CASE OF V. M. PETROV—ROYAL COMMISSION ON ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the circumstances surrounding the granting of political asylum to Mr. V. M. Petrov, a Third Secretary and Consul in the Soviet Embassy in Australia. Mr. Menzies also announced that the Government would set up a Royal Commission to investigate espionage activities in Australia.

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9. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1954.—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.

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

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

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 to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1952*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 6th April, 1954.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1952*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1954.—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.

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

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

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 to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1953*.

Canberra, 6th April, 1954.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That it is expedient than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1953*.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

14. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again 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 Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1954.—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.
Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Daly 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. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Bill 1954*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 13th April, 1954.

[*Loan (Swiss Francs) Bill 1954*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Swiss Currency, and for purposes connected therewith*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 13th April, 1954.

[*Transferred Officers' Allowances Bill 1954*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948-1951*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 13th April, 1954.

[*States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Bill 1954*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Act 1949*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 13th April, 1954.

[*Aluminium Industry Bill 1954*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Aluminium Industry Act 1944-1952*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 14th April, 1954.

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17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt 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, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Faiers	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
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Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 34.				
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Clark	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fuller

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 nineteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drummond, Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.