THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

TUESDAY, 29TH MAY, 1956.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Death of the Honorable A. J. McLachlan.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 27th May, of the Honorable A. J. McLachlan, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of ex-Senator the Honorable Alexander John McLachlan, a former Senator for South Australia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Earle Page having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 3. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956,

Explosives Act-Explosives Regulations-Orders-Berthing of a Vessel (4).

National Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 41. Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Health-L. Vout.

Postmaster-General—B. F. Bamkin, R. M. Brady, M. Elias, P. B. Fischer, J. P. Hubacek, F. C. Keith, R. J. McDermott, G. Puchalski, D. B. Watson.
Repatriation—N. E. Lancaster, A. G. R. Uglow.

Shipping and Transport—B. W. Gould, H. W. R. Marks, L. G. Murphy.

Works—A. G. Newman.

4. Messages from the Senate.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :-

24th May, 1956-Message-

No. 23—Appropriation (No. 2) 1955-56 (without requests).

- No. 24—Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1955-56.
- 5. Message from the Senate—Constitutional Change—Joint Committee.—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:-

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 30 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith:-

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 30 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine Problems of Constitutional Change.
- (2) That Senators Kennelly, McKenna, Spicer and Wright be members of the Joint Committee.

(3) That Senator Spicer be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

(4) That the Resolution, so far as it is inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

A. M. McMullin,

The Senate. Canberra, 24th May, 1956. President.

6. 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:-

26th May, 1956—Message No. 23-

Appropriation (No. 2) 1955-56.

Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1955-56.

- 7. SELF-GOVERNMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES—CENTENARY—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONGRATULATIONS. Mr. Deputy Speaker read to the House a letter which he had received from the Premier of New South Wales thanking honorable Members for their congratulations on the centenary of responsible government in that State, and stating that the Message of congratulation had been placed before both Houses of the State Parliament.
 - Mr. Deputy Speaker said he had also received a letter of appreciation from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- 8. Stevedoring Industry Bill 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Stevedoring Industry.

Question—put and passed.

9. States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Bill 1956.—Mr. H. E. 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 States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949–1950. Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt 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.

Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
- 10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—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 on the 22nd May (see page 164)-

Debate resumed. Mr. Makin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this dav.
- 11. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to the Stevedoring Industry", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Holt from making his speech on the second reading of the Bill without limitation of time. Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt, Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. Parliamentary Allowances Bill 1956.—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. Deputy 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. McLeay reported accordingly.

- On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.
- 13. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1956.—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-

-put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

14. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill 1956.—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 on the 22nd May (see page 164)-Debate resumed.

Mr. Bryant rising to address the House— Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now

Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

		AYES, 54.		
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Roberton
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeav	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Tellers:
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
		Noes, 39.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Tellers:
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	
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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

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)-

		Ayes, 56.		
Mr. Allan Mr. Anderson Mr. Aston Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Bostock Mr. Buchanan Mr. D. A. Cameron Mr. Chaney Mr. Cleaver Mr. Cramer	Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drummond Mr. Erwin Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Fox Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Graham Sir E. Harrison Mr. Hasluck Mr. H. E. Holt Mr. Howse Mr. Howson Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Mr. Killen Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Lindsay Mr. Luck Mr. Lucock Mr. Mackinnon Sir P. McBride Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Osborne Mr. Pearce Mr. Roberton Mr. Snedden	Mr. Swartz Mr. Timson Mr. Townley Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Tellers: Mr. Opperman Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Chambers	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarev	Harrison	Mr Makin	Mr Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner		
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth		
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler		
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Mr. Chambers	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell			
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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. Lawrence reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1956— No. 7 (Apprentices Ordinance).

No. 8 (Crown Lands Ordinance).

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Bland*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wight. • On leave.

> A. A. TREGEAR, Clerk of the House of Representatives.