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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

THURSDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CHINESE THEATRE COMPANY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to a proposed visit to Australia of a classical theatre company from Communist China.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 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 *Superannuation Act 1922-1955*, as amended by the *Superannuation Act 1956*, and for other purposes.  
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.
4. WOOL PRODUCTS BOUNTY ACT REPEAL 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. 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 Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. DEFENCE 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. 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 Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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6. **AIR FORCE 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. 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 Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. **INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 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. 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. Bowden reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9. **HOME NURSING SUBSIDY 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pearce), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House of changes being made in the Ministry which, when new appointments were completed, would be as follows:—

*Cabinet—*

Prime Minister .. .. .	Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, C.H., Q.C.
Treasurer .. .. .	Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Fadden, K.C.M.G.
Minister for Labour and National Service ..	Rt. Hon. H. E. Holt.
Minister for Trade .. .. .	Rt. Hon. J. McEwen.
Minister for External Affairs and Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	Rt. Hon. R. G. Casey, C.H., D.S.O., M.C.
Minister for Defence .. .. .	Hon. Sir Philip McBride, K.C.M.G.
Vice-President of the Executive Council and Attorney-General	Senator the Hon. N. O'Sullivan.
Minister for National Development ..	Senator the Hon. W. H. Spooner, M.M.
Minister for Immigration .. .. .	Hon. A. G. Townley.
Minister for Territories .. .. .	Hon. P. M. C. Hasluck.
Minister for Supply and Minister for Defence Production	Hon. H. Beale, Q.C.
Minister for Primary Industry .. .. .	Hon. W. McMahon.

*Other Ministers—*

Minister for Repatriation .. .. .	Senator the Hon. W. J. Cooper, M.B.E.
Minister for Shipping and Transport and Minister for Civil Aviation	Senator the Hon. S. Paltridge.
Minister for Health .. .. .	Hon. D. A. Cameron, O.B.E.
Minister for the Army .. .. .	Hon. J. O. Cramer.
Postmaster-General and Minister for the Navy	Hon. C. W. Davidson, O.B.E.
Minister for Air .. .. .	Hon. F. M. Osborne, D.S.C.
Minister for the Interior and Minister for Works	Hon. A. Fairhall.
Minister for Social Services .. .. .	Hon. H. S. Robertson.
Minister for Customs and Excise .. .. .	Senator the Hon. N. H. D. Henty.

Mr. Menzies stated that Mr. Townley would, in addition, be associated with him in the Prime Minister's Department.

The administration of uranium, atomic energy, and the development of bauxite and certain other minerals would be transferred from the Department of Supply to the Department of National Development.

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11. HOME NURSING SUBSIDY 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. 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 Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Edmonds rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Sir Philip McBride 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, 44.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	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 seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brand, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Curtin, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan\*, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

\* On leave.

A. A. TREGGEAR,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*