

1956.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 77.

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1956.

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. CENSURE MOTION.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House censures the Government for its failure to establish a national economic plan to halt inflation and to ensure full and continuous employment; for its persistent neglect to bring in measures to prevent profiteering and for its refusal to accept national responsibility by seeking from the respective States, or from the people, adequate constitutional power to regulate prices, interest rates and capital issues: while, at the same time, denying to the States sufficient funds to meet their basic needs, especially in relation to homes, schools, hospitals and transport. Such failures of the Government have resulted in soaring prices and serious reductions of the living standards of the Australian people, particularly wage and salary earners, pensioners and all those dependent on small fixed incomes.

Debate ensued.

Mr. C. R. Cameron addressing the House—

*Closure*.—Mr. H. E. 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. McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 58.

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Adermann      | Mr. Cleaver   | Mr. Fox          | Mr. Lawrence   | Mr. Snedden     |
| Mr. Allan         | Mr. Davidson  | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Lindsay    | Mr. Stokes      |
| Mr. Anderson      | Mr. Davis     | Mr. Freeth       | Mr. Luck       | Mr. Swartz      |
| Mr. Aston         | Mr. Dean      | Mr. Hamilton     | Mr. Lucock     | Mr. Timson      |
| Mr. Beale         | Mr. Downer    | Mr. Haworth      | Mr. Mackinnon  | Mr. Townley     |
| Mr. Bland         | Mr. Drummond  | Mr. H. E. Holt   | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wentworth   |
| Mr. Bostock       | Mr. Erwin     | Mr. Howse        | Mr. McColm     | Mr. Wheeler     |
| Mr. Bowden        | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Howson       | Mr. McMahon    | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Brimblecombe  | Mr. Failes    | Mr. Hulme        | Mr. Menzies    |                 |
| Mr. Buchanan      | Mr. Fairhall  | Mr. Jack         | Mr. Osborne    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Joske        | Mr. Pearce     | Mr. Opperman    |
| Mr. Chaney        | Mr. Forbes    | Mr. Killen       | Mr. Robertson  | Mr. Turnbull    |

## NOES, 42.

|                   |            |                   |              |                 |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard       | Mr. Clark  | Mr. Griffiths     | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Thompson    |
| Mr. Beazley       | Mr. Cope   | Mr. Harrison      | Mr. Makin    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Bird          | Mr. Costa  | Mr. Haylen        | Mr. McIvor   | Mr. Webb        |
| Mr. Bruce         | Mr. Coutts | Mr. R. W. Holt    | Mr. Minogue  | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. Bryant        | Mr. Crean  | Mr. James         | Mr. Morgan   |                 |
| Mr. Cairns        | Mr. Curtin | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. O'Connor | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Calwell       | Mr. Daly   | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Peters   | Mr. Duthie      |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Evatt  | Mr. Kearney       | Mr. Pollard  | Mr. Stewart     |
| Mr. Clarey        | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Lawson        | Mr. Russell  |                 |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,

30th October, 1956.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 42.

|                   |            |                   |              |                 |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard       | Mr. Clark  | Mr. Griffiths     | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Thompson    |
| Mr. Beazley       | Mr. Cope   | Mr. Harrison      | Mr. Makin    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Bird          | Mr. Costa  | Mr. Haylen        | Mr. McIvor   | Mr. Webb        |
| Mr. Bruce         | Mr. Coutts | Mr. R. W. Holt    | Mr. Minogue  | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. Bryant        | Mr. Crean  | Mr. James         | Mr. Morgan   |                 |
| Mr. Cairns        | Mr. Curtin | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. O'Connor | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Calwell       | Mr. Daly   | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Peters   |                 |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Evatt  | Mr. Kearney       | Mr. Pollard  | Mr. Duthie      |
| Mr. Clarey        | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Lawson        | Mr. Russell  | Mr. Stewart     |

## NOES, 58.

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Adermann      | Mr. Cleaver   | Mr. Fox          | Mr. Lawrence   | Mr. Snedden     |
| Mr. Allan         | Mr. Davidson  | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Lindsay    | Mr. Stokes      |
| Mr. Anderson      | Mr. Davis     | Mr. Freeth       | Mr. Luck       | Mr. Swartz      |
| Mr. Aston         | Mr. Dean      | Mr. Hamilton     | Mr. Lucock     | Mr. Timson      |
| Mr. Beale         | Mr. Downer    | Mr. Haworth      | Mr. Mackinnon  | Mr. Townley     |
| Mr. Bland         | Mr. Drummond  | Mr. H. E. Holt   | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wentworth   |
| Mr. Bostock       | Mr. Erwin     | Mr. Howse        | Mr. McColm     | Mr. Wheeler     |
| Mr. Bowden        | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Howson       | Mr. McMahon    | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Brimblecombe  | Mr. Failes    | Mr. Hulme        | Mr. Menzies    |                 |
| Mr. Buchanan      | Mr. Fairhall  | Mr. Jack         | Mr. Osborne    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Joske        | Mr. Pearce     | Mr. Opperman    |
| Mr. Chaney        | Mr. Forbes    | Mr. Killen       | Mr. Robertson  | Mr. Turnbull    |

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts for the year 1955–56.  
Ordered to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
International Labour Organization—Thirty-fifth (1952), Thirty-sixth (1953), and Thirty-seventh (1954) Sessions—Statement of action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in relation to the Conventions and Recommendations adopted.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
Twenty-ninth Report—Defence Services and Estimates, together with Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
25th October, 1956—*Message*—  
No. 77—Appropriation 1956–57 (*without requests*).  
No. 78—Appropriation (Works and Services) 1956–57.
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 October, 1956—*Message No. 56*—  
War Pensions Appropriation 1956.  
Appropriation 1956–57.  
Appropriation (Works and Services) 1956–57.
7. HUNGARY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to events in Hungary involving the use of Soviet forces.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPATRIATION (FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE) BILL 1956.—  
Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to provide Benefits for certain Members of the Defence Force who have served in Malaya with, or in connexion with, the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve, and for purposes connected therewith*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

30th October, 1956.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (No. 3) 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Broadcasting and Television in consequence of the enactment of the 'Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Cameron, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend section four A of the 'Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1954' in consequence of the enactment of the 'Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend section nine of the 'Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1953' in consequence of the enactment of the 'Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL HEALTH BILL (No. 2) 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend section twenty of the 'National Health Act 1953-1955', as amended by the 'National Health Act 1956', in consequence of the enactment of the 'Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

30th October, 1956.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend section one hundred and one of the ‘ Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945–1955 ’ in consequence of the enactment of the ‘ Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President,

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPATRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1956.—MR. SPEAKER reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Repatriation Act 1920–1955 ’, as amended by the ‘ Repatriation Act 1956 ’, in consequence of the enactment of the ‘ Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (NO. 2) 1956.—MR. SPEAKER reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Act 1947–1955 ’, as amended by the ‘ Social Services Act 1956 ’, in consequence of the enactment of the ‘ Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1956.—MR. SPEAKER reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 87.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1918–1955 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

Mr. Robertson (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

30th October, 1956.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1955 '* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th October, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

30th October, 1956—*Message—*No. 89—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution (Individuals) 1956 (*without requests*).

No. 90—International Wheat Agreement 1956.

19. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Essendon, Victoria.

Northern Territory Representation Act, Northern Territory (Administration) Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 74.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Customs and Excise—H. Kapoulitsas.

Defence Production—R. R. Claridge, I. K. Mott.

Health—S. Brzozek.

Supply—L. L. Anderson, W. C. R. Brooke, C. T. Carson, J. H. Clarke, T. F. Dalton-Morgan,

F. A. T. Dixon, L. J. Dunne, G. C. Flecker, D. L. Freeman, P. N. L. Goddard, L. R.

Henschke, F. J. Johnson, C. F. Marston, D. H. G. Miller, H. G. Newbiggin, F. W.

Northey, D. Paginton, L. A. Pearson, A. M. Perriman, R. H. Rennie, L. D. Richards,

J. G. Rodger, L. Sharp, J. A. G. Walton, M. H. Williams, K. G. Wood.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 73.

Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1955-56.

Wool Realization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 72.

20. STATES GRANTS 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. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

21. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—

30th October, 1956—*Message* No. 91—Mount Stromlo Observatory 1956.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

30th October, 1956.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Brand, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan\* and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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