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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1957.

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. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—*That the following words be added to the Address :—
“ but add—

1. That the Government is censured for the statement of Housing policy made by the Prime Minister on 7th March last and for the acute social ills caused by its continued failure to establish, in conjunction with the States, a National Housing Plan.
2. This failure has been largely caused by the provision of inadequate finance for home building for—
 - (a) State Governments;
 - (b) War Service Homes;
 - (c) Co-operative Building Societies;
 - (d) Australians seeking to build their own homes.
3. The National Plan should have regard to—
 - (a) the immediate reduction of migrant intake;
 - (b) employment of the maximum work force in the home-building industry;
 - (c) availability of materials.
4. It should also provide for—
 - (a) priority to home building over less essential private investment;
 - (b) provision of sufficient finance to promote home ownership at low rates of interest ”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Tellers:
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the Address be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that it would be ascertained when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be informed accordingly.

3. SUPPLY.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House will at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report and Minutes of Evidence from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—

Thirtieth Report—Epitome of the Reports of the First Committee and of the relevant Treasury Minutes.

Minutes of Evidence taken by the First Committee in connexion with its First to Ninth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Lawrence (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—

Report relating to the proposed erection of Studios for the Australian Broadcasting Commission at "Rosehill", Adelaide-terrace, Perth, Western Australia.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1956—

No. 18 (Marine Ordinance).

No. 19 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

No. 20 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).

No. 21 (Slaughtering Ordinance).

No. 22 (Mining Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Social Services—H. J. Grattan.

7. CONSTITUTION REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEE—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 1.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 1 requesting the concurrence of the House in the Senate's modification of the resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Constitution Review—

The House proceeded to consider the Senate's modification, which is as follows :—

That the words " recess or " be inserted before the word " adjournment " in clause 8.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the modification was agreed to, after debate.

8. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL 1957.—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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) BILL 1957.—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. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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10. APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1957.—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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1957.—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 the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

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. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	
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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
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Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	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 twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anthony, Mr. Bate, Mr. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Jack, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. McColm, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Watkins.

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