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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

THURSDAY, 16TH MAY, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Primary Industry—A. L. Higgs.
Works—A. G. Johnson, B. C. L. Roberts.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—IMPORT ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES.—Mr. Cairns having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The gross inefficiency of accounting and clerical procedures in the Government's administration of imports especially in the recording of import quotas, import licence applications and import entry records resulting in confusion in assessment of total imports and in measuring individual import quotas to the damage of thousands of individual firms and the economy as a whole"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Cairns addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Several members rising to address the House—
Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this month.
Question—put and passed.

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6. SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1956–57.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia—

- (a) the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and
(b) the Governor-General further recommends to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, of such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Canberra, 15th May, 1957.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 15th May, 1957.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

8. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1956–57.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £15,305,000 for the services of the year 1956–57, viz.:—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Parliament	19,500
Prime Minister's Department	57,800
Department of External Affairs	88,000
Department of the Treasury	118,000
Attorney-General's Department	1,600
Department of the Interior	76,400
Department of Works	184,000
Department of Civil Aviation	240,900
Department of Customs and Excise	25,200
Department of Health	4,800
Department of Trade	69,000
Department of Primary Industry	2,000
Department of Social Services	45,800
Department of Shipping and Transport	700
Department of Immigration	34,900
Department of Labour and National Service	17,400
Department of National Development	3,200
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	12,400
Defence Services	5,614,000
Miscellaneous Services	2,617,400
War and Repatriation Services	4,204,000
TOTAL PART 1	<u>13,437,000</u>

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PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.							£
Commonwealth Railways	72,000
Postmaster-General's Department	781,000
Broadcasting and Television Services .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	37,000
TOTAL PART 2 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	890,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.							
Northern Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	186,000
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	88,000
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000
Papua and New Guinea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,000
TOTAL PART 3 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	282,000
PART 5.—SELF-BALANCING ITEMS.							
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	696,000
TOTAL .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,305,000

Question—put and passed.

LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That, in addition, there be granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1956–57, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Question—put and passed.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £2,139,000 for the services of the year 1956–57, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz.:—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.							£
Parliament .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	850
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	35,650
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,700
Department of the Interior .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,000
Department of Works .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	34,000
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	47,000
Department of Customs and Excise .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,125
Department of Repatriation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,000
Department of Trade .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,400
Department of Primary Industry .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	97,125
Department of Social Services .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,000
Department of Territories .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	335,600
Department of Immigration .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,100
Department of National Development .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,150
Australian Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	90,000
TOTAL PART 1 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	680,000
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.							
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,007,000
Broadcasting and Television Services .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	223,000
TOTAL PART 2 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,230,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.							
Northern Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	165,800
Australian Capital Territory	63,000
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	200
TOTAL PART 3	229,000
TOTAL	2,139,000

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Question—put and passed.

Resolutions 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. Sir Arthur Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1956–57.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following three motions:—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1956–57, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £15,305,000.

LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1956–57, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1956–57, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £2,139,000.

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

Resolutions 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.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. McMahon do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1956–57.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply additional sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and to appropriate those sums*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

11. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 2) 1956–57.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate that sum*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

12. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SUPPLY BILL 1957–58 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1957–58.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

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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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Canberra, 15th May, 1957.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

13. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL 1957-58 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1957-58.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £184,212,000 for or towards the services of the year 1957-58.

Question—put and passed.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £34,956,000 for or towards the services of the year 1957-58, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Question—put and passed.

Resolutions 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL 1957-58 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1957-58.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLY.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1957-58, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £184,212,000.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1957-58, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £34,956,000.

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

Resolutions 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.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. McMahon do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

15. SUPPLY BILL 1957-58.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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16. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1957-58.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

17. PUBLIC SERVICE 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.)

Clauses 1 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Costa moved the following amendment:—Page 4, at the end of the clause add the following paragraph:—

“(c) by omitting from paragraph (d) of sub-section (3.) the words ‘ if the punishment so imposed or recommended by the Chief Officer be other than a fine not exceeding Two pounds or if, in the case of an officer who has been deprived of his salary during suspension, the amount of the fine imposed, together with the amount of salary of which he has been deprived, exceeds Two pounds.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 33.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
NOES, 55.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Tellers:
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 23, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 24 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Tellers:
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
NOES, 33.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Remainder of 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. Townley (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Motor and Aviation Spirits.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
19. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in March last, recommend that the following be printed:—

Australia, 1956: An Economic Survey.

Documents relating to the simultaneous dissolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives by His Excellency the Governor-General on 19th March, 1951.

Elections—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections and the House of Representatives Elections, 1955, for the several States and Territories.

Northern Territory—Report for period 1st July, 1953 to 30th June, 1955.

Papua—Report for year 1954–55.

Public Service Board—Thirty-second Report on the Public Service, for year 1955–56.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1955–56.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1955–56.

Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia, signed at Canberra on the 26th February, 1957.

R. L. DEAN,
Chairman.

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Mr. Dean moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

20. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE 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 the Bill was read a third time.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH POLICE BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to establish a Commonwealth Police Force*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th May, 1957.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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22. WHEAT RESEARCH 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.*)

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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WHEAT RESEARCH BILL 1957.—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 establish a Wheat Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 14th May, 1957.

Ordered—That the 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. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to establish a Wheat Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

24. WHEAT RESEARCH BILL 1957.—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. 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.

25. WHEAT TAX 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—

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.

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26. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ National Service Act 1951–1953’ , and for purposes connected therewith* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th May, 1957.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Ordered—That the Amendment be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

27. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, 1957.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address 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, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Hamilton
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman

NOES, 21.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cope	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor		

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-nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Monday 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. Bird, Mr. Brand*, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Calwell, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Jack*, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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