

1957.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1957.

1. The House met, at twenty-seven minutes to three o'clock p.m.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency Ngo Dinh Diem, President of the Republic of Viet Nam, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. **PETITIONS.**—Mr. Kearney presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Petition received and read.
Petitions from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage were presented by Mr. Luchetti, Mr. Whitlam and Mr. Fox.
Petitions severally received.
4. **CIVIL AVIATION POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decisions reached by the Government as a result of a comprehensive review of civil aviation policy which it had made.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in reference to the matter.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—Twenty-third Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for 1956.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Twenty-eighth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for the period ended 30th June, 1956.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a Vessel (2).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—P. W. McCabe.
Health—D. J. Traini.
Postmaster-General—J. R. Krol.
Works—W. T. G. Howell.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1957—No. 62—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for 1956.
6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.**—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Bradfield (Mr. Turner) on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.

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7. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th August, 1957*], viz.:—

Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan, signed on the 6th July, 1957—

be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion:—“and this House expresses its disapproval of the Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Howson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ESTIMATES 1957-58.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 3rd September, 1957.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

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 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-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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

9. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£30,000
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be agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. PAPERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Budget Papers 1957-58;

National Income and Expenditure Paper 1956-57.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

11. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1957.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

12. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1957.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1956*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

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13. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX, CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SALES TAX.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved—

1. That, on and after the fourth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, the rate of sales tax in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act be $8\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

2. That, for the purposes of this resolution, "the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act" mean the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1956*, as proposed to be amended by the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1957*.

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1933-1956*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-second day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fourth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff 1933-1956* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.			
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“ (A) (1) Power kerosene as defined by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(2) Aviation turbine kerosene; kerosene and other refined petroleum burning oils, n.e.i.—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(b) Other	$6\frac{1}{2}$ d.	$6\frac{1}{2}$ d.	$6\frac{1}{2}$ d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (6) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“ (6) (a) Residual oil† n.e.i.	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
(b) Solar oil, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	4d.	4½d.	4½d.”
per gallon			
By adding to sub-item (b) a new paragraph (9) as follows:—			
“ (9) Diesel fuel as defined by Departmental By-laws—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(b) Other	1s.	1s.	1s.”
per gallon			

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921-1956* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fourth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, at five o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff 1921-1956* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.
EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
11. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows:—	
“ (D) Aviation turbine kerosene; kerosene n.e.i., other than power kerosene as defined by Departmental By-laws—	
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(2) Other	$6\frac{1}{2}$ d.”
per gallon	
By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows:—	
“ (E) Diesel fuel as defined by Departmental By-laws—	
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(2) Other	1s.”
per gallon	

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.

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Debate resumed.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward 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, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Lucock
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman

NOES, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti

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-five 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. Bowden*, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Failes, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wheeler*.

*On leave.

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