

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 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—
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Dried Fruits Control Board—Thirty-third Annual Report, for year 1956–57, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Thirty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1956–57.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1957—No. 8 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
3. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957–58.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Department of the Treasury, £9,807,000 "—debated.
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.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
5. GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE 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, after debate.
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.

6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957–58.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Department of the Treasury, £9,807,000 "—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—" Attorney-General's Department, £1,845,000 "—debated.

Mr. Bird rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 45.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McCole	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
NOES, 25.				
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam	
Mr. Coutts	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	
NOES, 25.				
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam	
Mr. Coutts	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £4,553,000"—debated.

Ordered—That the Vote for the Department of the Interior and the Vote—"Department of Works, £3,393,000"—be considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Howson rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	
NOES, 24.				
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Votes be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
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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7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957-58.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Civil Aviation, £9,862,000"—debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Social Services Act 1947-1956'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 10th October, 1957.

Ordered—That the Amendments 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, after clause 6, insert the following new clauses:—

- "6A. Section ninety-two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) of sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—
'(a) unless that woman or her husband—
(i) is a resident of Australia as defined by the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1957*; and
(ii) is not a resident of a place outside Australia specified in section seven of that Act; or'

Payment of maternity allowance in respect of birth during temporary absence from Australia.

- "6B. Section one hundred and four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—
'(2.) An endowment shall not be granted or paid by virtue of the last preceding sub-section unless the person to whom the endowment is granted or paid or, if that person is a woman, that woman or her husband—
(a) is a resident of Australia as defined by the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1957*; and
(b) is not a resident of a place outside Australia specified in section seven of that Act.'"

Payment of endowment during temporary absence from Australia.

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 9, lines 5 and 6, leave out paragraph (b), insert the following paragraphs:—
"(b) endowment or benefit in respect of a period commencing on or after that date; and
"(c) maternity allowance in respect of a birth occurring on or after that date."

On the motion of Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Robertson, the House adopted the Report.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Allan, Mr. J. D. Anthony, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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