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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 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. DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN PART OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the financial assistance which the Government proposed to make available to the Government of Western Australia for the development of that State north of the 20th Parallel.
3. OPERATION OF AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the operation of the Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan and informed the House of the arrangements made by the Government for the protection of Australian industry.
Mr. Ward, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
27th November, 1957—*Message*—
No. 78—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1957.
No. 79—Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) 1957 (*without requests*).
5. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1957.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1956*, and for other purposes. 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. Clarey), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 156, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. FLAX FIBRE BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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9. NATIONAL HEALTH 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. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the Report of the Committee on Australian Universities and informed the House of the decisions taken by the Government in respect of the main recommendations of the Committee. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Australian Universities—Report of Committee—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Barnard, Mr. Bate, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Casey, Mr. Davis*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. McIvor*, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wilson.

*On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.