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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1958.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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—
 Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 17.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for defence purposes—Clovelly, New South Wales.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 13, 14.
 Public Accounts Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 16.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1958—
 No. 13—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 14—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.
 No. 15—Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 16—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 Public Works Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 15.
3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—ST. MARY'S AMMUNITION FILLING FACTORY.—Mr. Ward having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The matters associated with the construction of the St. Mary's munitions filling factory and, in particular, the findings contained in the report of the enquiry conducted by W. D. Scott & Co. Pty. Ltd."—
 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. Ward addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Several Members rising to address the House—
 Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence Production) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
 Question—put.
 The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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4. ATOMIC ENERGY BILL 1958.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL 1958.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1958.—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. Cramer (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Cramer moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

7. DEFENCE ORGANIZATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), That the Paper [*presented on the 19th March, 1958*], viz.:—
Defence Organization—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Falkinder), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Haylen, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Timson and Mr. Watkins.

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