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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 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, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—
Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1956–57.
Financial and Statistical Bulletin, for year 1956–57.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Territories—C. S. Muir.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1958—No. 6—Stock Diseases.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James) and the honorable Member for Newcastle (Mr. Watkins), on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 5.*

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 grant Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia in relation to the Development of the Northern part of that State.

Canberra, 27th March, 1958.

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.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia in relation to the Development of the Northern part of that State.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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 Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Downer do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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5. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1958.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942-1956*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Davidson 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.
Mr. Davidson moved, by leave, 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.
6. STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE) 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Bird), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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