

1958.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 1958.

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. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—HIRE PURCHASE.—Mr. Peters having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to ensure that adequate moneys are available to the public for hire purchase operations at reasonable interest rates"—
- 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. Peters addressed the House.
- Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Crean rising to address the House—
- Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
- Question—put.
- The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 31.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1, 2 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this month.
- Question—put and passed.

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5. **BEER EXCISE BILL 1958.**—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Beer Excise Act 1901–1957*, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne 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.

6. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1958.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922–1957*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 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. Menzies, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. **COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' FURLOUGH BILL 1958.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1943–1953*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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. Menzies, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1958.**—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1956*, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1958.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
 Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

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 amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951–1957*.

Canberra, 15th April, 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.)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951–1957*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. McMahon 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 Mr. McMahon, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. McMahon and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. McMahon 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. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

10. SUPPLY BILL 1958-59.—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. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1958-59.—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—

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. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Postmaster-General—J. E. Hanckel, I. T. Hawryszkiewicz, A. C. Temby.

Repatriation—W. B. Beulke, G. J. Groves, R. L. Hodge, E. D. Milliken, G. Shaw, A. B. C. Vines.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14. MIGRATION 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. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1949–1956’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th May, 1958.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

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No. 21—Public Service 1958.

No. 22—Commonwealth Employees’ Furlough 1958.

No. 23—Judges’ Pensions 1958.

18. 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 one o’clock in the morning, 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, Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Bird, Mr. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Morgan, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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