THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 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. Petition.—Mr. Ward presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will give immediate consideration to the matter of increasing the rate of pension to at least 50 per cent, of the basic wage and liberalizing certain other social service benefits. Petition received and read.
- 3. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute— Social Services Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of Director-General of Social Services, for year 1957-58. Ordered to be printed.
- 4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS .- Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.

Question-put and passed.

- 5. TRADE MARKS 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. Evatt-Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
- 6. CHRISTMAS ISLAND 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. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1958-59.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Department of External Affairs, £2,376,000"—debated.

Mr. Bryant rising to address the Committee-

Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now

Question-That the question be now put-put.

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

		Ayes, 57.		
Mr. Allan Mr. Anderson Mr. Aston Sir G. Barwick Mr. Bate Mr. Bland Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Buchanan Mr. Bury Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Cleaver Mr. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drury Mr. Erwin Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairhall Mr. Forbes	Mr. J. M. Fraser Mr. J. M. Fraser Mr. Freeth Mr. Graham Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Howson Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Sir W. Kent Hughes Mr. Killen	Mr. Lawrence Mr. Leslie Mr. Lindsay Mr. Luck Mr. Lucock Sir P. McBride Mr. McColm Mr. Osborne Sir E. Page Mr. Roberton Mr. Snedden Mr. Stokes	Mr. Swartz Mr. Timson Mr. Townley Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wight Mr. Wilson Tellers: Mr. Opperman Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Barnard Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey Mr. Clark	Noes, 33. Mr. Galvin Mr. Harrison	Mr. Luchetti Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. McIvor Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant Mr. Cairns Mr. Calwell	Mr. Coutts Mr. Crean Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson Mr. Kearney Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard Mr. Thompson	Tellers: Mr. Duthie Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Vote—" Department of the Treasury, £10,516,000"—debated and agreed to. Vote—" Attorney-General's Department, £1,835,000"—debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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

Naval Defence Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1958, No. 55. Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 56.

9. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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 Mr. J. D. Anthony, Mr. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wheeler.

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.