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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Pearce presented a Petition from certain members of the Pensioners' League of Queensland praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage as the minimum.
Mr. Barnard presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government will make provision, by means of a Referendum, for the alteration of certain sections of the Constitution which relate to the aboriginal people of Australia.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Thirteenth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1957–58.
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Twenty-fifth Report (1958).
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Newstead, Victoria.
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Thirty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1957–58.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1958—
 No. 6 (Supply of Services Ordinance).
 No. 7 (Mining Ordinance).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Attorney-General—A. J. Woodlands.
 Postmaster-General—L. G. De Valle, D. J. MacNaught, J. G. Maxwell, J. Medcalfe-Moore, R. G. Nelson.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1958—No. 14—Optometrists.
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Report for 1957.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

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 States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

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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. Menzies (Acting 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 States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Mr. H. E. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, 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.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Government Business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, General Business.
6. **NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1958.**—Mr. Calwell moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to remove the Disabilities imposed on the Member of the House of Representatives representing the Northern Territory.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Calwell 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1958.**—Mr. Calwell moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to remove the Disabilities imposed on the Member of the House of Representatives representing the Australian Capital Territory.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Calwell 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. **EXCISE BILL 1958.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, 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.
9. **COAL INDUSTRY 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. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. **NATIONAL HEALTH 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 debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Ward addressing the House—
Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Aston, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Webb.

**On leave.*

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

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