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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 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. PENSIONERS—SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the payment of supplementary assistance for pensioners.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:—
 - International Labour Organization—
 - Thirty-eighth (1955) and Thirty-ninth (1956) Sessions—Statement of action taken, or proposed to be taken, by the Government in relation to the Conventions and Recommendations adopted.
 - Forty-first (Maritime) Session, Geneva, April–May, 1958—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
 - Forty-second Session, Geneva, June, 1958—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
 - United Nations—General Assembly—Twelfth Session, New York, 17th September to 14th December, 1957—Summary Report of Australian Delegation.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—First Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1st March to 30th June, 1958.
 - Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1957–58.
 Severally ordered, after debate, to be printed.
 - Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1957–58, together with Summary of Recommendations.
 Ordered—That the Report be printed.
 - Customs Tariff—Orders—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 6 and 7.
 - Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 4, 5 and 6.
 - Fishing Industry Act—Second Annual Report, for year 1957–58.
 - International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1957–58.
 - Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Twelfth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31st March, 1958.
 - Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—First Annual Statement for year 1957–58.
 - Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—E. D. Lyons.
 - Wool Research Act—First Annual Report, for year 1957–58.
 Mr. Mackinnon, by leave, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
 - Inter-Parliamentary Union—47th Conference held at Rio de Janeiro, July–August, 1958—Report of Australian Delegation.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Lawrence (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
 - Report relating to the Construction of Extensions to the Repatriation General Hospital at Hobart, Tasmania.
 Ordered to be printed,

1st October, 1958.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

29th September, 1958—*Message*—

No. 45—Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1958.

No. 46—Social Services 1958.

No. 47—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1958.
Superannuation 1958.

30th September, 1958—*Message No. 48*—

Repatriation 1958.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1958.

Excise 1958.

6. MARRIAGE (OVERSEAS) 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 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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION 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. Bate), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 7 AND 8), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 4) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 7).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1958, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1958 as so amended.

2. That in these Proposals, "Customs Tariff Proposals" mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

14th August, 1958; and

11th September, 1958.

THE SCHEDULE.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

102. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—

" 102. Vegetables n.e.i.—

(A) Peas, fresh frozen; beans, fresh frozen per lb. subject to a reduction by an amount calculated on the F.O.B. price of	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.
(B) Other - - - - - per cental	66½ per cent.	66½ per cent.	66½ per cent.
	1s. 6d.	2s.	2s."

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.
IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By omitting sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:—			
“(c) Piece goods which but for this sub-paragraph would be classifiable under item 105 (A) (1) (a), plain or matt woven, weighing not less than 4 ounces per square yard and not more than 7 ounces per square yard, of types ordinarily used in the manufacture of bed sheets or pillow cases—			
(1) Unbleached, not printed—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	¾d. ..	2¾d. ..
(b) Other - - - - - per lb. and ad val.	.. 10 per cent.	1d. 10 per cent.	1d. 10 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the value for duty per lb. is less than 120d., an additional duty of ad val.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.
(2) Bleached, not printed—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	1d. ..	3d. ..
(b) Other - - - - - per lb. and ad val.	.. 10 per cent.	1½d. 10 per cent.	1½d. 10 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the value for duty per lb. is less than 120d., an additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.”
(3) Dyed or coloured, not printed—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	2d. ..	3½d. ..
(b) Other - - - - - per lb. and ad val.	.. 10 per cent.	4½d. 10 per cent.	4½d. 10 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the value for duty per lb. is less than 120d., an additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (A) a new paragraph (5) as follows:—			
“(5) Piece goods otherwise classifiable under item 105 (A) (1) (b) (3), for use in the manufacture of bed sheets or pillow cases, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(a) Unbleached, not printed - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	¾d. ..	2¾d. ..
(b) Bleached, not printed - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.”	½d. 5 per cent.	1d. ..	3d. ..

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

160. By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“(1) Cream separators - - - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.”

DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

281. By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (L) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“(2) When packed for retail sale—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.”
By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (p) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“(2) When packed for retail sale—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (z) as follows:—			
“(z) Thioglycollic acid; salts of thioglycollic acid - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.”

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER.			
330. By adding a new item as follows:— “ 330. Rubber including latex, natural and synthetic; silicone rubber— (A) Raw; reclaimed; waste— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws (2) Other - - - - - per lb. provided that for liquid latex duty shall be assessed on the rubber content. (b) Compounded— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per lb. provided that for liquid latex duty shall be assessed on the rubber content. (2) N.E.I. - - - - - per lb. provided that for liquid latex duty shall be assessed on the rubber content.”	Free 2d.	Free 2d.	Free 2d.
331. By omitting the two sub-items lettered (A). By omitting sub-item (c). By omitting the two sub-items lettered (D).	½d. 2½d.	½d. 2½d.	½d. 2½d.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8).

1. That, in these Proposals, “ the Customs Tariff ” mean the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1958, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, and on the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

2. That, on and after the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to the Customs Tariff in the column headed “ British Preferential Tariff ”, apply to such goods—

- (a) which are the produce or manufacture of Australia;
- (b) which, having been exported from Australia, are imported into Australia;
- (c) the character of which has not been altered during the interval between exportation and importation; and
- (d) to which sub-item (A) of item 401 in the Schedule does not apply,

as are approved in writing by the Minister of State for the time being administering the Customs Tariff, or that Act as amended from time to time, or the Minister of State for the time being acting for or on behalf of that Minister.

3. That section eight of the Customs Tariff be amended by inserting in sub-section (2.), after the word “ goods ” (first occurring), the words “ the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom ”.

4. That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff be amended by inserting in sub-item (A) of item 401, after the word “ produce ”, the words “ or manufacture ”.

5. That the amendments to the Customs Tariff referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of these Proposals have effect on and after the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* 1933–1958, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the eleventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* 1933–1958 as so amended.

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THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
21.	By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 21 Ex 102 Vegetables, fresh, including beans and peas in pod— (A) Frozen beans; frozen peas - - - - - subject to a reduction by an amount calculated on the F.O.B. price of - - - - - (B) Other - - - - -	1s. 3d. per lb. 66½ per cent. 22½ per cent. ad val.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936-1958* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936-1958* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Item No.	Item No. of Customs Tariff 1933-1958.	Item.	Rate of Duty.
22.		By omitting the following:— “ paragraph (1) of sub-item (N) ” and inserting in its stead the following:— “ sub-item (N) ”.	
23.	23	330 Rubber including latex, natural, to which sub-item (A) of item 330 in the Schedule to the <i>Customs Tariff 1933-1958</i> , or that Act as amended from time to time, or as proposed to be amended from time to time by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament, applies; reclaimed rubber; waste rubber	Free ”
24.		By omitting the item.	
25.		By omitting the item.	

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:—
Tariff Board—Reports—

Cotton Piece Goods (Sheeting, &c.).

Electric Filament Lamps.

Thioglycollic Acid and its Salts.

Vegetables of the type classifiable under Tariff Item 102.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1958.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

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.

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. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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11. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:—

Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Thirteenth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1957–58.

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1957.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Report for year 1957–58.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1956–57.

War Service Homes Act—Report for year 1957–58.

R. L. DEAN,
Chairman.

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Mr. Dean moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

12. DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION 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.
Mr. Adermann was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
13. CONSTITUTION REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee on Constitution Review:—
Report from the Joint Committee on Constitution Review—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
14. DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION 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.)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION BILL 1958.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 49.

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 establish a Dairy Produce Research Trust Account and a Dairy Produce Sales Promotion Fund, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 18th September, 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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to establish a Dairy Produce Research Trust Account and a Dairy Produce Sales Promotion Fund, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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16. DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION BILL 1958.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of 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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL 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—

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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. DAIRY PRODUCE LEVY 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—

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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tobacco Industry Act—Third Annual Report, for year 1957–58.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

21. CHRISTMAS ISLAND AGREEMENT 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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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22. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1957-58—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Statement in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That the Committee agrees with the Statement for the year 1957-58 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1957.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

23. COPPER BOUNTY 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. Townley (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

24. RIVER MURRAY WATERS 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. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 10, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

26. CIVIL AVIATION (DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT) 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. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27. RAILWAY STANDARDIZATION (NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA) AGREEMENT 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.

1st and 2nd October, 1958.

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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

1st October, 1958—*Message*—

No. 78—Airlines Equipment 1958.

No. 79—Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) 1958.

No. 80—Loan (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1958.

No. 81—Customs Tariff Validation 1958 (*without requests*).

No. 82—Statistics (Arrangements with States) 1958.

No. 83—Loan 1958.

No. 84—Christmas Island Agreement 1958.

No. 85—Dairy Produce Export Control 1958.

No. 86—Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion 1958.

No. 87—Dairy Produce Levy 1958 (*without requests*).

2nd October, 1958, a.m.—*Message No. 88*—Copper Bounty 1958.

29. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented pursuant to Statute—

Christmas Island Act—Ordinances—1958—

No. 1—Interpretation.

No. 2—Laws Repeal.

No. 3—Administration.

No. 4—Supreme Court.

No. 5—District Court.

No. 6—Magistrate's Court.

No. 7—Coroners.

No. 8—Criminal Procedure Code.

No. 9—Police Force.

No. 10—Post Office.

No. 11—Divorce.

No. 12—Removal of Prisoners.

Marriage (Overseas) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, Nos. 59, 60.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1958—

No. 9 (Fisheries Ordinance).

No. 11 (Control of Waters Ordinance).

Service and Execution of Process Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 58.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report for year 1957–58.

30. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.

31. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

32. RETIREMENT OF MR. A. A. TREGEAR, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the intention of the Clerk of the House, Mr. Tregear, to retire at the end of the year, paid tribute to his qualities and distinguished service to the Parliament, and conveyed to him the good wishes of the House.

In the debate on the subsequent motion for the adjournment of the House, Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), and Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) associated themselves with the remarks of Mr. Speaker.

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33. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drury, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Minogue*.

*On leave.

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

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 MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

 ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills, were received after the adjournment of the House on the 2nd October, 1958:—

1st October, 1958—*Message*—

- No. 50*—Loan (Housing) 1958.
 Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1958.
 Re-establishment and Employment (No. 2) 1958.
 Tradesmen's Rights Regulation 1958.
 States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) 1958.
 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1958.
 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1958.

No. 51—Coal Industry 1958.

2nd October, 1958—*Message No. 52*—

- Wheat Industry Stabilization 1958.
 Wheat Export Charge 1958.

8th October, 1958—*Message No. 53*—

- Appropriation 1958–59.
 Appropriation (Works and Services) 1958–59.
 Migration 1958.
 Nationality and Citizenship 1958.
 Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1958.
 Tractor Bounty 1958.
 States Grants 1958.
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1958.
 National Health 1958.

10th October, 1958—*Message*—

- No. 54*—Christmas Island Agreement 1958.
 Airlines Equipment 1958.
 Loan (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1958.
 Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) 1958.
 Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion 1958.
 Dairy Produce Export Control 1958.
 Dairy Produce Levy 1958.
 Statistics (Arrangements with States) 1958.
 Loan 1958.
 Copper Bounty 1958.
 Customs Tariff Validation 1958.
- No. 55*—Marriage (Overseas) 1958.
 Civil Aviation (Damage by Aircraft) 1958.
 River Murray Waters 1958.
 Railway Standardization (New South Wales and Victoria) Agreement 1958.
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