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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1959.

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. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Bryant and Mr. Reynolds, and were severally received.
3. NEWSPAPER REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cope, by leave, made a Statement with reference to a recent report in a Sydney newspaper concerning the honorable Member for Cunningham (Mr. Kearney) to whom the House had granted leave of absence on the ground of ill health.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—J. G. Garlick.
Works—J. R. Hart, J. Rozentals.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
17th April, 1959, a.m.—*Message No. 24*—Ministers of State 1959.
6. AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
7. EDUCATION BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) 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.
8. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1959.—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 by Mr. J. R. Fraser who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to remove all restrictions on the voting rights of the Member for the Australian Capital Territory".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 64.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	Tellers:
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 32.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Reynolds	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clay	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. J. R. Fraser moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:—

- “ 3. Section six of the *Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948*—Voting rights of member for the Australian Capital Territory. 1949 is amended—
- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words ‘ subject to the next succeeding sub-section,’;
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word ‘ not ’; and
- (c) by omitting sub-sections (2.), (3.), (4.) and (5.).”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negated.

Mr. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Page 2, after paragraph (b) insert the following paragraphs:—

- “(ba) by adding at the end of sub-section (3.) the words ‘ except where there is before the House a question or motion on which the member representing the Australian Capital Territory may vote ’;
- “(bb) by adding at the end of sub-section (4.) the words ‘ but may vote at the election of the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees of the House of Representatives ’; and ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negated.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1959.—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. Barnard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Brimblecombe, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Daly, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Howse, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Townley and Mr. Turner.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.