

1959.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 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. DEATH OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON (THE HONORABLE S. W. R. D. BANDARANAIKE).—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the tragic loss suffered by Ceylon by the assassination of her Prime Minister, the Honorable S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, and associated the House with expressions of profound sympathy sent from Australia to the people and Government of Ceylon and the family of Mr. Bandaranaike.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister and joined in the expression of sympathy.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Fourteenth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1958–59.
Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for year 1958–59.
Flax Industry Act—Flax Commission—Fifth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1958–59.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1959—No. 5—Plant and Fruit Diseases.
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Thirteenth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31st March, 1959.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—F. J. Harding.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1959—No. 12—Workmen's Compensation.
Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1958–59.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
28th September, 1959—*Message No. 68*—Post and Telegraph Rates 1959.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1959–60.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £2,011,000"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £5,115,000"—

Vote—"Department of Works, £3,915,000"—
considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) having been called upon to speak—

Mr Daly moved, That the honorable Member for Bonython be now heard.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Stewart

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holten	Mr. Murray	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Ward addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Freeth moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Chaney, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holten	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Murray	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Uren	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Ordered—That the following Votes be now taken, and considered together:—

Vote—"Department of Civil Aviation, £12,140,000"—

Vote—"Department of Shipping and Transport, £1,240,000"—

Votes debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM 'THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:—

29th September, 1959—*Message No. 37*—Post and Telegraph Rates 1959.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past 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. Anderson, Mr. Bland, Mr. Browne, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Failes*, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hulme, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Nelson*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Swartz.

* On leave.

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