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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Bird presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia praying that the House will amend certain parts of clause 27 of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.  
Petition received.
3. OVERSEAS SHIPPING FREIGHTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to overseas shipping freights.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Reports for the period 1st July, 1953 to 30th June, 1956, and for years 1956–57 and 1957–58.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Fourteenth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1958–59.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—  
Dennington, Victoria.  
Mount Cottrell, Victoria.  
Safety Beach, Victoria.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Labour and National Service—B. A. Ingles.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1959—  
No. 76—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and others.  
No. 77—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
No. 78—Australian Journalists' Association.
5. NATIONAL HEALTH 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. Stokes), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 20, Government Business.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—CANNING-FRUIT CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—

1. That, in this Resolution, unless the contrary intention appears—
  - (a) "canned fruit" mean canned apricots, canned peaches or canned pears and include canned mixed fruit that includes apricots, peaches or pears;
  - (b) "charge" mean charge imposed by the Act;
  - (c) "fruit" mean apricots, peaches or pears;
  - (d) "the Act" mean the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution;
  - (e) "the Minister" mean the Minister of State administering the Act.

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## 2. That a charge be imposed on fruit—

- (a) delivered, on or after the fifteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, to a cannery; and
- (b) accepted at the cannery as of canning quality or taken into the cannery for use in the production of canned fruit.

3. That, where a person who engages in the production of canned fruit takes into his cannery fruit that he has grown, that fruit be deemed, for the purposes of the Act, to have been delivered by him to the cannery.

4. That the rate of the charge be Ten shillings per ton of fruit or such lesser rate as is prescribed from time to time by regulations under the Act.

5. That the amount of charge in respect of any fruit be payable by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the fruit was delivered to the cannery.

6.—(1.) That the Governor-General be empowered to make regulations, not inconsistent with the Act, prescribing a rate for the purposes of the provision of the Act that gives effect to paragraph 4 of this Resolution.

(2.) That, before making regulations, the Governor-General be required to take into consideration any recommendation with respect to the rate of the charge made to the Minister by the Australian Canned Fruit Sales Promotion Committee proposed to be constituted by the *Canned Fruit (Sales Promotion) Bill 1959*.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Adermann 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. Adermann, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Adermann and Mr. Robertson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. CANNING-FRUIT CHARGE BILL 1959.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose a charge upon Canning Fruit*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Adermann moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. CANNING-FRUIT CHARGE (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1959.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Payment and Collection of the Charge imposed by the *Canning-Fruit Charge Act 1959*.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Mr. Adermann moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. CANNED FRUIT (SALES PROMOTION) BILL 1959.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Promotion of the Sale of Canned Fruit.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Mr. Adermann moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1959.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926-1956*.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Mr. Adermann moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. NATIONAL HEALTH 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Buchanan 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 the next sitting.

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13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Aston, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dean, Mr. Drury, Mr. Failes, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Peters\*, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Sexton\* and Mr. Swartz.

\* On leave.

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