THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1960.

- 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. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 14th January, 1960.
- 3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER FOR URGENCY—POSTAL CHARGES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Crean had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The undesirability of continuing the present postal charges to provide an additional sum of £16,000,000 during this financial year in the light of the profit of £6,000,000 disclosed in the annual report of the Post Office for 1958-59".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr. Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The discussion, having been continued for two hours, was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.

4. FLAX INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1960.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Flax Industry Act* 1953, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question-put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Sir Garfield Barwick 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.

5. Whaling Bill 1960.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Whaling.

Question-put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

6. COLONIAL LIGHT DUES LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1960.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the Acts relating to Colonial Light Dues.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

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

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

7. CATTLE AND BEEF RESEARCH BILL 1960.—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. Thompson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Hulme (Minister for Supply) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)-

		Ayes, 48.		
Mr. Allan Mr. Anderson Mr. Anthony Mr. Aston Mr. Bandidt Mr. Barnes Sir G. Barwick Mr. Bate Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Buchanan Mr. Bury Mr. Cash Mr. Chaney Mr. Chresby Mr. Cleaver Mr. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Downer	Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Falkinder Mr. Forbes Mr. J. M. Fraser Mr. Freeth Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth	Mr. Howson Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Mr. Kelly Mr. Killen Mr. King Mr. Lucock Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne Mr. Roberton Mr. Swartz Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Tellers: Mr. Pearce
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Murray	Mr. Turnbull
		Noes, 21.		
Mr. Bryant Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin Mr. Minogue	Mr. Reynolds Mr. Uren	Tellers:
Mr. Clay	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Jones	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Pollard		

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 fourteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Clarey*, Mr. Costa, Mr. Courtnay, Mr. Drummond*, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Fox, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Stokes*, Mr. Timson and Mr. Wight.

• On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.