

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. McMahon, Mr. Holt (Treasurer) would represent in the House the Acting Minister for Labour and National Service (Senator Paltridge).
Mr. McEwen also informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence overseas of Senator Spooner, Senator Henty (Minister for Customs and Excise) would act as Minister for National Development.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Tariff—Orders—
 - Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 7.
 - Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.
 - Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 22, 23.
 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 32.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Mackay, Queensland.
 - Interior purposes—Sydney, New South Wales.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Borambola West, New South Wales.
 - Cunningdroo, New South Wales.
 - Ettamogah South, New South Wales.
 - Lake George South, New South Wales.
 - Mundalla West, South Australia.
 - Sherwood, South Australia.
 - Strathdown, New South Wales.
 - Yerong Creek South, New South Wales.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Postmaster-General—P. M. Davies, P. R. E. Day.
 - Shipping and Transport—G. G. Cosham.
 - Supply—R. A. Chapman, W. A. Eason.
 - Works—A. J. Kershaw.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1960—
 - No. 26—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 27—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 28—Australian Journalists' Association.
 - No. 29—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Nos. 30 and 31—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - No. 32—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 31.
 - Wheat Research Act—Second Annual Report, for 1959.

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4. 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:—

20th May, 1960—*Message No. 23*—

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1960.
Income Tax (International Agreements) 1960.
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1960.

26th May, 1960—*Message No. 24*—

International Development Association 1960.
Customs Tariff 1960.
Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1960.
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1960.
Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) 1960.
Excise Tariff 1960.
Telephonic Communications (Interception) 1960.
National Service (Discharge of Trainees) 1960.
Income Tax (International Agreements) (No. 2) 1960.
Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1960.
Copper Bounty 1960.
Judiciary 1960.

5. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), discharged:—

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1959–60—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE 1959–60.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

DUNROSSIL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives a Further Additional Estimate of Expenditure for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 31st May, 1960.

Ordered—That the Message, together with the accompanying Estimate, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

7. SUPPLY—FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE 1959–60.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply—

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a further additional sum not exceeding £10,000,000 for the services of the year 1959–60, viz.:—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

XXIII.—Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve.

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Under Control of Department of the Treasury.

Division No. 655.—Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve.

01. For payment to the credit of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Trust Account

10,000,000

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. Holt 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. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE 1959–60.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the further additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1959–60, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £10,000,000.

Debate ensued.

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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.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Holt and Mr. Adermann do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution and the Resolution adopted by the House on the 11th May in connexion with the Additional Estimates for 1959–60.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1959–60 [No. 2].—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty and to appropriate that sum*”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. AIR NAVIGATION 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.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

11. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1959–60 [No. 2].—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. Jess), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hulme (Minister for Supply), moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Bandidt, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chresby, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dean, Mr. Downer, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holten, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. McIvor, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Murray, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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