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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 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, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Report and Recommendations to the Postmaster-General
on applications for commercial television licences in provincial and country areas.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) making a Ministerial Statement regarding television licences.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Banditt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clay	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

5. TELEVISION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the extension of television to country and provincial areas and announced the names of the companies in those areas to which commercial television licences would be granted.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 81.
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 86.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 84.
Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 32.
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 30, 31.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 82.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 83.

8th November, 1960.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 18th October, 1960.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Barmera West, South Australia.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1960—No. 19—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1960—

No. 16—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).

No. 17—Criminal Law Amendment.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1960—No. 35—Emergency Provisions.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 88.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Health—D. T. Brand.

Immigration—H. Boardman.

Interior—M. R. Moor.

Treasury—S. Zywczyak.

Works—M. B. Cook, L. E. Elliott, A. S. Howard, K. M. Kusmierski, A. F. X. MacNeil,
A. H. R. Odlum.

Public Service Board—Thirty-sixth Report on the Public Service, for year 1959–60.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 85.

Rayon Yarn Bounty Act—Return for period 1st November, 1959 to 30th June, 1960.

7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Davis (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—

Fiftieth Report—The Reports of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1958–59.

Ordered to be printed.

8. 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:—

2nd November, 1960—*Message No. 39*—Antarctic Treaty 1960.

3rd November, 1960—*Message No. 40*—Air Navigation (Charges) 1960.

9. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1960.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to leave given on the 27th October, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1953 ’*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Freeth moved, by leave, 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 the next sitting.

10. CRIMES 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted because it fails to repeal objectionable features of the Crimes Act, including political and industrial offences and the death penalty, and because it introduces new offences infringing freedom of speech, writing and action by individuals and organizations innocent of disloyal intent, and because, in particular, it fails—*

(a) to preserve the rule of law and the principles of natural justice in trials for these offences;

(b) to establish the principle of trial by jury for all these offences;

(c) to achieve certainty and precision in the definition of these offences;

(d) to ensure the application of long established rules excluding evidence of the character of an accused person on trial for these offences;

(e) to provide means of specifying enemy countries which or enemy persons whom it will be an offence to assist, and

(f) to guarantee liberty bona fide to express criticisms and to seek alteration of the policy of the Australian or any other Government”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

And then the House, at twenty-eight 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. Beaton, Mr. Cope*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Jack, Mr. Jess, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Russell*, Mr. Wentworth* and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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