THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1961.

- 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 HONORABLE J. M. FRASER.-Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 27th August, of the Honorable J. M. Fraser, and moved, That this House expresses its usep regret at the death of ex-Senator the Honorable James Mackintosh Fraser, a former Senator for Western Australia, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife and family in their bereavement.

And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) and Mr. Chaney having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence-

Question-passed.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Tariff Board-Report of Deputy Chairman-Domestic Knitting Machines. Ordered to be printed.

Papua—Report for year 1959-60.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—

Broadmarsh, Tasmania.

Tyagong, New South Wales.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1961—No. 9 (Public Health Ordinance). Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—J. L. Macalister. Defence—J. D. Ollé.

Supply—W. Gleeson.

Treasury-W. N. G. Graham.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1961—

No. 42—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 43—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association. No. 44—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 45-North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 46—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others. No. 47—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act-

Ordinances—1961—
No. 19—Trustee Companies.

No. 20-Advisory Council.

Regulations—1961-

No. 9 (Cemeteries Ordinance).

No. 10 (Advisory Council Ordinance).

4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—PRESENTATION OF SAND-GLASS.— Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a copy of the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea on the occasion of the presentation of a Sand-glass by the Commonwealth Parliament. The Resolution was as follows:

"We, the Members of the Legislative Council for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, in Council assembled, express our thanks to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Sand-glass which they have presented to this Council for the timing of divisions in the same manner as is observed in many Parliaments.".

29th August, 1961.

5. Message from the Governor-General—Commonwealth Banks Bill 1961.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

DE L'ISLE.

Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the Capital of the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia by the sum of Five million pounds.

Canberra, 24th August, 1961.

Ordered-That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the Capital of the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia by the sum of Five million pounds.

Question-put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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.

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

Bill brought up by Mr. Holt, and read a first time.

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

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

6. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1961.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Roberton (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 101.— Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £34,250

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:— That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

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

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to 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. Allan, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Bury, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Jack, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Thompson.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.