

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1957.

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. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage were presented by Mr. Aston and Mr. Haylen.  
Petitions severally received and read.  
Petitions from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage were presented by Mr. Russell, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Bury and Mr. Peters.  
Petitions severally received.
3. INCIDENT IN PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOMS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Ward, by leave, made a Statement regarding an incident in the Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms on the 22nd May last.
4. TELEVISION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Government had decided to proceed with the second phase of the extension of television services in Australia.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1956–57, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.  
Ordered to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report—Sulphuric Acid produced from Sinter Gas.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 47.  
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 45.  
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 44.  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 46.  
Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 43.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
3rd September, 1957—*Message No. 44*—Australian Wool Testing Authority 1957.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1957.—  
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 28.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

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

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. H. E. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

8. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1957.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section forty-six of the *National Service Act 1951–1953*, as amended by the *National Service Act 1957*, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. WINE GRAPES CHARGES BILL 1957.—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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT BILL 1957.—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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedules, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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11. COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION BILL 1957.—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. Snedden), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
12. ST. MARY'S AMMUNITION FILLING FACTORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—  
Mr. Beale (Minister for Defence Production), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding comments concerning the construction of the ammunition filling factory at St. Mary's, New South Wales, contained in the report of the Auditor-General for the year 1956-57, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
St. Mary's Ammunition Filling Factory—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
13. COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION BILL 1957.—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.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th August, 1957*], viz.:—  
Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan, signed on the 6th July, 1957—  
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion:—"and this House expresses its disapproval of the Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan"—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Bryant), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Bowden\*, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey\*, Mr. Costa\*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie\*, Mr. Failes, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Harrison\*, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. James, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Turner\*, Mr. Watkins\* and Mr. Wheeler\*.

\*On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*