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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 65.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1955.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 10th June last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENCE OF SUSPENDED MEMBER—PERIOD OF SUSPENSION—SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the presence in the Chamber of the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) who, on the 9th June, was suspended from the service of the House for seven days, and ruled that the period of suspension had not expired.
- Dissent from Ruling.*—Mr. Evatt, having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.
- Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the honorable Member for East Sydney must withdraw from the Chamber until his period of suspension expired.
- The honorable Member withdrew.
- Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.
- Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—
- Closure.*—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.
- The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McCole	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 51.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 44.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
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Mr. Bryson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

3. OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE—CHANGES OF STAFF.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, consequent upon the retirement of Mr. Green, the following promotions of officers at the Table had been made :—
Mr. Tregear as Clerk of the House,
Mr. Turner as Clerk-Assistant, and
Mr. Parkes as Second Clerk-Assistant.
4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Pollard presented a petition from a number of citizens praying that the Parliament will grant their requests concerning the prohibition of the use and testing of atomic and other weapons, the peaceful use of atomic energy, the reduction in armed forces and the settlement of disputes by peaceful means.
Mr. Luchetti presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Macquarie in the State of New South Wales praying that the House will seek a review of age, invalid, widows' and service pensions with a view to their being increased.
Mr. Keon presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Yarra who are in receipt of age or invalid pensions praying that their requests for increased and automatically adjusted pensions be considered and granted.
Petitions severally received and read.
5. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. A. D. Fraser asked leave to move a Motion without notice.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. NOTICE OF MOTION—LEAVE TO GIVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. A. D. Fraser asked leave to give a Notice of Motion.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper—
First Consolidated Index to the Papers presented to Parliament—1901 to 1949 (1st to 18th Parliaments).
Ordered to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Ordinance—1955—No. 1—Criminal Code Amendment.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, Nos. 36, 41.
Australian Capital Territory Representation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 47.
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—N. A. Munro.
Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1954.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 37.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 38.
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 45.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 39.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a Vessel (3).
Lands Acquisition Act—
Land, &c., acquired for—
Australian Aluminium Production Commission purposes—Rocherlea, Tasmania.
Commonwealth purposes—Maribyrnong, Victoria.

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- Defence purposes—
 Daylesford, Victoria
 Laverton, Victoria.
 Puckapunyal, Victoria.
- Department of Air purposes—Evandale (near), Tasmania.
- Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Llandilo, New South Wales.
- Department of Shipping and Transport (Marine Branch) purposes—Cape St. Albans (Kangaroo Island), South Australia.
- Postal purposes—
 Big Jacks Creek, New South Wales.
 Cookarbine, New South Wales.
 Ebenezer, New South Wales.
 Flinders Gap Hill (Bowning), New South Wales.
 Gooloogong, New South Wales.
 Gragin, New South Wales.
 Hobart, Tasmania.
 Mount Gwynne, New South Wales.
 Reedy Creek, South Australia.
 Rydalmere East, New South Wales.
 Wombat, New South Wales.
- Railway purposes—Port Pirie, South Australia.
- Telephonic purposes—Gledhow, Western Australia.
- Returns (3) of land disposed of under section 63.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 40.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, Nos. 46, 49.
- Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1955—No. 2 (Boarding-houses Ordinance).
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1954—
 No. 6—Encouragement of Primary Production.
 No. 7—Motor Vehicles.
 No. 8—Nurses and Midwives Registration.
 No. 9—Minerals (Acquisition).
 No. 10—Prices Regulation.
 No. 11—Leprosy.
 No. 12—Traffic.
 No. 13—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
 No. 14—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) (No. 2).
 No. 15—Supreme Court.
 No. 16—Stock Diseases.
 No. 17—Jury.
 No. 18—Brands.
 No. 19—Food and Drugs.
 No. 20—Local Courts.
 No. 21—Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents).
 No. 22—Workmen's Compensation.
 No. 23—Licensing.
- Regulations—1955—No. 1—(Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinances).
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—
 1953—
 No. 21—Dangerous Drugs 1952.
 No. 55—Customs (Export) Tariff.
- 1954—
 No. 8—Medical 1953.
 No. 15—Roman Catholic Mission of the Order of Friars Minor.
 No. 16—Papua and New Guinea Copra Industry Stabilization.
 No. 27—Assemblies of God in Australia (New Guinea) Mission.
 No. 29—Legal Practitioners.
 No. 32—Sago (Papua).
 No. 33—Lost Registers.
 No. 35—Appropriation (Validation of Expenditure).
 No. 36—Appropriation (No. 3) 1953-54.
 No. 37—Appropriation 1954-55.
 No. 44—Native Local Government Councils.
 No. 46—Public Museums and Art Galleries.
 No. 47—Ordinances Interpretation (No. 2).
- 1955—No. 1—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) (No. 2) 1954.
- Parliamentary Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 42.
- Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Attorney-General—K. R. M. Hunt.
 Civil Aviation—D. L. Ball, J. F. Brough, D. J. Campbell, B. Y. A. Gin, G. M. Hayes,
 J. W. Hobson, T. J. O'Donohue, J. W. Peel, M. E. L. Williams.

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- Defence Production—J. S. Baker, N. H. Burston, L. J. Delaney, G. M. Dick, E. R. Dodd, A. Dunn, P. T. Fitzroy, M. L. Gillan, G. A. Halvorson, D. J. Harvey, V. A. Hendy, R. W. Higgs, C. F. Inglis, D. J. Jones, D. G. Lewis, W. H. Lowe, J. J. McKidbin, J. G. McKillop, G. K. Marriott, W. F. Pheasant, J. H. Poulton, R. A. Rankine, N. J. H. Rogers, R. E. Simson, P. G. Terrill, N. H. Tozer, C. Traill-Nash, J. W. Vosti, A. R. Watson.
- External Affairs—W. R. Crocker.
- Health—J. R. Ambrose, E. R. H. Clarke, J. D. Collins, J. W. McKellar, L. O. Mocatta, E. I. Quick, L. C. Rowan.
- Interior—R. W. Bennett, R. G. Foster, V. Ingham, R. L. Jones, S. Karelsky, N. Y. Phillips, K. Poplawski, R. F. Rowe, I. Shumack, F. G. Strochnetter, S. T. Willatt, W. Wysoczyn.
- National Development—J. V. Carlyle, A. F. Kerr, P. W. Pritchard, D. O. Zimmerman.
- Parliamentary Library—S. Davies, B. E. Somervaille.
- Postmaster-General—G. D. Byrne, D. S. A. Campbell, B. G. Carlson, G. W. Clark, M. Cody, S. Dossing, P. A. Franklin, M. Fulton, K. G. Gately, H. E. Green, J. G. Harris, R. P. Lees, F. J. Mullins, B. E. Robinson, C. D. Ross, K. H. Sack, E. M. Samuelson, J. E. Smith, A. J. Wakefield, R. Wielebinski.
- Prime Minister—B. E. Herron.
- Repatriation.—H. P. Dyer, W. S. Ward.
- Supply—E. H. Barnard-Brown, C. C. Crampton, J. M. Fletcher, L. S. Heitmann, J. Holland, J. H. Lea, H. J. Moffatt, F. H. Potter, F. C. Symons, N. P. Thornton, R. C. L. Vowles, C. B. Wason.
- Trade and Customs—R. C. Double, M. A. Kaub.
- Works—A. G. Clarke, J. R. Connor, R. J. Corr, H. B. Gage, J. E. Gayton, L. S. Jacobson, A. W. Jenkins, L. E. Johnson, C. A. Johnston, F. B. Kirk, C. R. Luxton, A. A. McGuffie, D. G. Mansfield, R. Pawlyszyn, R. J. A. Rowe, G. H. Setchell, G. S. Smith, R. A. Snell, J. E. Snowden, B. I. Squires, F. Wickham, J. D. Wright.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, Nos. 43, 44, 48.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1955—
- No. 19—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 20—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 21—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 22—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 25—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
- No. 26—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.
- No. 27—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 28—Musicians' Union of Australia.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 35.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for 1954.
- Ordinance—1955—No. 5—Police.
- Regulations—1955—
- No. 5 (Plant Diseases Ordinance).
- No. 6 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).
- No. 7 (Public Health Ordinance).
- Stirling North to Brachina Railway Act, Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield Railway Act, Commonwealth Railways Act, Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for Railway purposes at Leigh Creek, South Australia.
- Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1954–55.
- Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1954–55.
- War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Dubbo, New South Wales:
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:—
- 9th June, 1955—*Message No. 57*—Judges' Remuneration 1955.
- 10th June, 1955—*Message No. 58*—
- Salaries Adjustment 1955.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1955.
- 15th June, 1955—*Message*—
- No. 59—Trade Marks 1955.
- No. 60—Supply (No. 1) 1955–56.
- Supply (Works and Services) (No. 1) 1955–56.
- Appropriation (No. 2) 1954–55.
- Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1954–55.
- Supplementary Appropriation 1953–54.
- Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) 1953–54.
- No. 61—Superannuation 1955.
- States Grants (Universities) 1955.
- Matrimonial Causes 1955.
- Parliamentary Retiring Allowances 1955.

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16th June, 1955—*Message*—

No. 62—Judiciary 1955.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1955.

No. 63—Marriage (Overseas) 1955.

Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) 1955.

Meat Export (Additional Charge) 1955.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1955.

9. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
10. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—HOUSING LOAN INTEREST RATES.—Mr. Joshua having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The proposal of the Government to lift interest rates on Housing loans under the Commonwealth—States Housing Agreement, which action it is claimed by the Victorian Housing Minister will force heavy increases in Housing Commission rents"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Joshua addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ESTIMATES 1955-56.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 64.*

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 65.*

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 Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works and Other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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Ordered—That the Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£27,700
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

13. PAPERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Budget Papers 1955-56;
National Income and Expenditure Paper 1954-55.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (EMERGENCY WHEAT STORAGE) BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 66.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the Australian Wheat Board for the purpose of enabling the Board to meet its liabilities in relation to emergency Wheat Stores and to empower the Board to borrow Moneys to be so advanced.

Canberra, 24th August, 1955.

24th August, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. 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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the Australian Wheat Board for the purpose of enabling the Board to meet its liabilities in relation to emergency Wheat Stores and to empower the Board to borrow Moneys to be so advanced.

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 Sir Eric Harrison 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. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

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.

Canberra, 24th August, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

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Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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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 Sir Eric Harrison 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.

16. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1955.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1954*.

Question—put and passed.

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, 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.

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17. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, Nos. 50, 51.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, Nos. 55, 56.
Egg Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 53.
Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 54.
Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 52.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to ten 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. Beale, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Nelson, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Riordan.

A. A. TREGGAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.