

1956.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 52.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. B. HAYES.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 12th July, of the Honorable J. B. Hayes, C.M.G., and moved, That this House expresses its deep sympathy at the death of the Honorable John Blyth Hayes, a former President of the Senate of the Parliament and a former Premier of the State of Tasmania, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.

And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. N. LAWSON.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 14th August, of the Honorable J. N. Lawson, and moved, That this House expresses its deep sympathy at the death of the Honorable John Norman Lawson, a former Member of this House for the Division of Macquarie and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

4. PETITION.—Mr. Lawson presented a Petition from 6,646 members of the Pensioners' League of Queensland, praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage as the minimum.
Petition received and read.

5. MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) announced the following changes in ministerial and administrative arrangements:—

Consequent on the resignation of the Honorable J. A. Spicer from the Senate and as Attorney-General, Senator O'Sullivan (Minister for the Navy) had been appointed to that portfolio.

During the absence through illness of Mr. Townley, Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) would act as Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation, and would represent in the House the Minister for Shipping and Transport.

In the Senate, the Minister for External Affairs and the Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization would be represented by Senator O'Sullivan, the Minister for Labour and National Service by Senator Spooner, the Minister for Territories by Senator Cooper, and the Minister for Immigration by Senator Paltridge.

The Attorney-General would administer those sections of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act dealing with the appointment and tenure of the presidential members of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, the judges of the old Court and of the new Commonwealth Industrial Court, and officers of the registry, and with the making of regulations regarding practice and procedure. The Minister for Labour and National Service would administer the remaining provisions of the Act, the Public Service Arbitration Act and the Stevedoring Industry Act.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—

Elections 1955—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1955, viz. :—

New South Wales.
Queensland.
South Australia.
Tasmania.
Victoria.
Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

What Immigration Means to Australia—Statement by Minister for Immigration.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Tenth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1954–55.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificates—C. B. Bell, C. V. Chandler.

Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1955.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, Nos. 47, 53.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 52.

Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (5).

Egg Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 55.

Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 51.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Civil Aviation purposes—Leichhardt, New South Wales.

Defence purposes—

Launceston, Tasmania.
Point Wilson, Victoria.
South Head, New South Wales.
Wonthaggi, Victoria.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Rosebud, Victoria.

Postal purposes—

Boambee, New South Wales.
Homebush, New South Wales.
Nangus, New South Wales.
Orielson, Tasmania.
Port Pirie South, South Australia.
Te Whare, New South Wales.
Three Springs East, Western Australia.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—

Adaminaby, New South Wales.
Jindabyne, New South Wales.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 54.

Parliamentary Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 58.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Army—F. J. Pitman, F. J. White.

Attorney-General—J. Firestone, I. D. McLachlan, L. M. Stemler.

Defence—W. C. L. Creech.

Defence Production—I. G. Bird, D. J. Buckley, N. C. Bullock, A. E. Burton, C. C. de Voil, L. Jones, K. F. Kauschke, W. J. Lamberth, E. C. Lawson, H. K. Millicer, D. M. Nicholls, A. C. Nommensen, P. M. O'Dwyer, L. J. M. Ralph, P. A. Smith, C. J. Wilson, M. Wrench.

Health—A. Negrin, S. Wiener, J. Withell.

Interior—P. Bardulis, A. Krisjanis, I. D. Lamb, D. W. Williams.

National Development—B. C. Barlow, D. Macaulay, M. B. McGirr.

Postmaster-General—W. G. Keating.

Primary Industry—R. D. Andrews, B. Hart, M. Hodan, T. J. McGarry, J. F. Tibbs.

Prime Minister—T. F. Moustaka, F. R. Smith, L. G. Thompson.

Repatriation—L. M. Cook, O. J. Davies, I. J. Forrest, E. H. George, W. E. V. Jack.

Shipping and Transport—St. A. Molesworth.

Supply—B. F. Rush.

Territories—L. J. Murphy.

Works—G. Alexander, K. W. Burnett, K. W. Croker, P. K. Huck, T. F. L. Lee, R. W. Smith.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, Nos. 48, 49, 50, 56, 57.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Australian Capital Territory Soil Conservation Council—Eighth Annual Report and Statment of Receipts and Payments, for year 1954–55.

Regulations—1956—

No. 5—(Roads and Public Places Ordinance).

No. 6—(Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).

No. 7—(Fish Protection Ordinance).

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1955–56.

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7. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Administrator the following Commission :—

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Honourable John McLeay, M.M., Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided amongst other things that every member of the House of Representatives shall before taking his seat make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the said Constitution :

AND WHEREAS by section four of the said Constitution it is provided amongst other things that the provisions of the said Constitution relating to the Governor-General extend and apply to such person as the Queen may appoint to administer the Government of the Commonwealth :

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR JOHN NORTHCOTT, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the said oath or affirmation of allegiance to such members of the House of Representatives as have not already made and subscribed the same since their election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, this twenty-ninth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. W. FADDEN,

For and on behalf of the Prime Minister.

8. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 17, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 17, I do hereby nominate—

George James Bowden, Esquire,
Charles William Jackson Falkinder, Esquire,
Gordon Freeth, Esquire,
William Robert Lawrence, Esquire,
Philip Ernest Lucock, Esquire, and
Thomas Frank Timson, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this thirtieth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—

21st June, 1956—*Message*—

No. 48—National Health 1956.

No. 49—Supply (No. 1) 1956–57 (*without requests*).

No. 50—Supply (Works and Services) (No. 1) 1956–57.

No. 51—Supplementary Appropriation 1954–55 (*without requests*).

No. 52—Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) 1954–55.

22nd June, 1956, a.m.—*Message*—

No. 54—States Grants (Universities) 1956.

No. 55—Tractor Bounty 1956.

No. 56—States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) 1956.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Amendments made by the House in the following Bill :—

21st June, 1956—*Message* No. 53—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission 1956.

11. 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 June, 1956—*Message* No. 36—

Broadcasting and Television 1956.

Broadcasting and Television Stations Licence Fees 1956.

30th August, 1956.

27th June, 1956—*Message No. 37*—

Supply (No. 1) 1956-57.
 Supply (Works and Services) (No. 1) 1956-57.
 States Grants (Universities) 1956.
 Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1956.
 Rayon Yarn Bounty 1956.
 Tractor Bounty 1956.

30th June, 1956—*Message*—

No. 38—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission 1956.
 Australian Coastal Shipping Agreement 1956.
 Housing Agreement 1956.
 No. 39—Conciliation and Arbitration 1956.
 Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power 1956.
 Navigation 1956.
 Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1956.
 Evidence 1956.
 Judges' Pensions 1956.
 Northern Territory (Administration) 1956.
 Public Service Arbitration 1956.
 Coal Industry 1956.
 Stevedoring Industry 1956.
 States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) 1956.
 National Health 1956.
 Supplementary Appropriation 1954-55.
 Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) 1954-55.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved,
 That leave of absence for three months be given to the honorable Member for Farrer (Mr. Fairbairn),
 on the ground of ill health.
 Question—put and passed.

13. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—MURRAY RIVER FLOODS.—Mr. Speaker announced that both
 the honorable Member for Mallee (Mr. Turnbull) and the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr.
 Chambers) had presented to him written statements of definite matters of urgent public importance
 proposed to be submitted to the House for discussion to-day. In accordance with the provisions
 of Standing Order No. 106A, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr. Turnbull, namely,
 "The disastrous effect of the recent and present flooding of the Murray River and its tributaries".
 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. Turnbull addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Calwell moved, That Mr. Chambers be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 36.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

Discussion continued.

The discussion having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing
 Order No. 92.

14. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—It being past fifteen minutes to one
 o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 ("Grievance Day"—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291)
 was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for a later hour this day.

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15. **DISTILLATION BILL 1956.**—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Distillation Act 1901-1954*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne 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.
16. **MOUNT STROMLO OBSERVATORY BILL 1956.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Transfer of the Administration of the Observatory at Mount Stromlo in the Australian Capital Territory to The Australian National University, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fairhall 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. Fairhall moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
17. **CONDUCT OF PRISONERS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 16th February, 1956*], viz. :—
Conduct of Prisoners of War—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
18. **COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN KOREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 16th February, 1956*], viz. :—
Commonwealth Forces in Korea—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
19. **KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT—EXPENDITURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Townley (Minister for Civil Aviation), That the Paper [*presented on the 19th June, 1956*], viz. :—
Kingsford Smith Airport—Expenditure—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Question—put and passed.
20. **NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT—REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), That the Paper [*presented on the 13th March, 1956*], viz. :—
Northern Territory—Problems of Development—Report by Administrator on visit overseas (October, 1955–January, 1956)—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Turner was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
21. **DEATH OF THE AMBASSADOR IN AUSTRALIA OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (MR. D. M. MOFFAT).**—
Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death this day of the Ambassador in Australia of the United States of America (Mr. D. M. Moffat), and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Douglas Maxwell Moffat, the American Ambassador in this country, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his wife and family in their bereavement.
and Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Makin and Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question passed.
22. **MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ESTIMATES 1956-57.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth :—
J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator. Message No. 40.
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 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-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
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30th August, 1956.

J. NORTHCOTT,

*Administrator.**Message No. 41.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 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-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 30th August, 1956.

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

23. 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	£26,500
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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.

24. PAPERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—

Budget Papers 1956–57;

National Income and Expenditure Paper 1955–56.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1956.—

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth :—

J. NORTHCOTT,

*Administrator.**Message No. 42.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth 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, 30th August, 1956.

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 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. Cramer 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.

26. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 7, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

27. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).—
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1956, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1956 as so amended.

2. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears —

“Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

16th May, 1956 ;
7th June, 1956 ; and
13th June, 1956.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
180. By inserting after “cabinets,” in paragraph (15) of sub-item (E) the following :— “cathode ray tubes (picture tubes).”			
By inserting after “cabinets,” in paragraph (16) of sub-item (E) the following :— “cathode ray tubes (picture tubes).”			
181. By adding to sub-item (A) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Cathode ray tubes (picture tubes) as used in television receiving sets, whether imported separately or otherwise . . . each . . . and ad val.	£7 ..	£7 12½ per cent.	£7 12½ per cent.”

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1956, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the sixteenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the thirty-first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at five o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1956 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
21. By adding a new item 21 as follows :— “21. Cathode ray tubes (picture tubes) as used in television receiving sets - each	£7 ”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

28. NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT—REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), That the Paper [*presented on the 13th March, 1956*], viz. :—

Northern Territory—Problems of Development—Report by Administrator on visit overseas (October, 1955—January, 1956)—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

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29. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Chambers moved, That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 33.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Tellers:
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam	

NOES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Tellers:
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Pollard addressing the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 22.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Harrison	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. Graham, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Lucock, Mr. McColm, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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