

1957.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 52.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper—

Statement of certain Papers laid upon the Table during the 22nd Parliament to the 7th November, 1957, showing those ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1955-56.

New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1955-56.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 63.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 60.

Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 61.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Customs and Excise purposes—Bunbury, Western Australia.

Defence purposes—Albany, Western Australia.

Lighthouses Act and Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Shipping and Transport purposes—Cape Du Couedic (Kangaroo Island), South Australia.

Northern Territory Representation Act, Northern Territory (Administration) Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 66.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 62.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Defence—B. J. Beeson.

Shipping and Transport—K. Skinner.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1957—No. 75—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 65.

Therapeutic Substances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1957, No. 64.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

6th November, 1957—Message No. 43—

Appropriation 1957-58.

Appropriation (Works and Services) 1957-58.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Franklin (Mr. Falkinder) on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEES.—Mr. Luchetti having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "Recent dismissals of certain physically handicapped employees from Commonwealth Government establishments and the need to devise a plan for the employment of handicapped persons"—

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. Luchetti addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Beale (Minister for Defence Production) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

| Ayes, 50. | | | | |
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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Chaney | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. J. D. Anthony | Mr. Cramer | Mr. Graham | Mr. Luck | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Davidson | Mr. Hamilton | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. McColm | |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Haworth | Mr. McEwen | |
| Mr. Bland | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. H. E. Holt | Mr. Osborne | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Failes | Mr. Howse | Sir E. Page | |
| Mr. Bury | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Hulme | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Opperman |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Forbes | Mr. Jack | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Fox | Mr. Joske | Mr. Swartz | |
| Noes, 28. | | | | |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Makin | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Clark | Mr. Haylen | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Cope | Mr. R. W. Holt | Mr. Riordan | |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Crean | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Russell | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Thompson | Mr. Coutts |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Lawson | Mr. Ward | Mr. Luchetti |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. GENEVA CONVENTIONS BILL 1957.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), for Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to enable effect to be given to certain Conventions done at Geneva on the twelfth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, and for related purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 20, Government Business.

9. STATES GRANTS 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11. RESERVE BANK 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. Stokes), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Cramer 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, 51.

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Davidson | Mr. Graham | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Stokes |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Downer | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Luck | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. J. D. Anthony | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Haworth | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Failes | Mr. H. E. Holt | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Howse | Mr. McColm | |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Howson | Mr. McEwen | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Forbes | Mr. Hulme | Mr. Osborne | |
| Mr. Bury | Mr. Fox | Mr. Jack | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Opperman |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Joske | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Freeth | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr. Snedden | |

NOES, 27.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Daly | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Riordan | |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clark | Mr. R. W. Holt | Mr. Russell | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Cope | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Stewart | |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Crean | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Ward | Mr. Coutts |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Makin | Mr. Webb | Mr. Luchetti |

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 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. Bostock, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury*, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. James*, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Leslie*, Mr. Lucock*, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Peters*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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