

1961.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 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. APPOINTMENT OF VISCOUNT DE L'ISLE AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that Her Majesty The Queen had been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the Viscount De L'Isle, V.C., as Governor-General of Australia.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. J. R. Fraser presented a Petition from certain residents of Northbourne Flats in the Australian Capital Territory praying that, instead of applying the recently announced increase in rents for these Flats, the rents remain at the previous figure.
Mr. Fraser also presented a Petition from certain electors of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Government will review recent rent increases in the Australian Capital Territory and relieve the hardship being imposed.
Petitions severally received and read.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 46.
 - Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1961—No. 1—Removal of Prisoners.
 - Customs Tariff—Orders—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 35, 36.
 - Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 34, 35, 36.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—
 - Camberwell, Victoria.
 - East Doncaster, Victoria.
 - Mallawa, Queensland.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, Nos. 43, 44, 45.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1961—No. 16—Darwin Town Area Leases 1960.
 - Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1960—No. 52—Income Tax (No. 2).
 - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 47.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Appointments—Department—
 - Army—E. E. Burke.
 - Attorney-General—G. W. Halford, G. W. Roseman, A. Taloni.
 - Defence—A. Green.
 - Health—J. H. Clark, A. M. Cooke, J. M. Forshaw, J. L. Miller, J. F. Sainty.
 - Primary Industry—A. J. Stockwell.
 - Supply—M. J. Burley, C. W. Emery, I. D. Fricker, S. G. Johnson, P. Rohan.
 - Territories—C. W. Benson, A. M. France, D. A. Newton-Tabrett, M. A. Willington.
 - Treasury—R. A. Coutts, R. T. Wheaton.
 - Works—J. J. Abbot, R. G. Armstrong, B. Blanks, L. H. Bunting, B. V. Burvill, M. F. Cole, J. M. Dennis, S. L. Duff, G. J. Fitzgerald, P. L. Gall, N. Gorochovnikov, M. D. Green, R. J. Grove, J. R. Harding, J. Magers, D. T. Merson, H. Mesecke, N. Renfree, B. J. Squires, E. Sykala.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 35.

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

No. 9—Line Inspectors' Association—Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 10—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 11—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).

No. 12—Australian Journalists' Association.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 36.

5. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1961.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), for Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act 1956–1959*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. JUDGES' PENSIONS BILL 1961.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judges' Pensions Act 1948–1958*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1961.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr. Crean moved the following amendment:—Clause 2, page 1, lines 11 and 12, omit “twenty-second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one”, insert “sixteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixty”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whittorn
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holten	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Browne	Mr. England	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jess	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate on the motion moved by Mr. Holt (Treasurer) on the 21st March, 1961 (*see* page 28) resumed by Mr. Crean who moved the following amendment:—Omit “twenty-second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one”, insert “sixteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixty”.

Debate continued.

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Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holten	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. England	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 35.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) 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. Osborne, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. McEwen do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

11. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1961.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) then brought up the following Bills:—

- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1960";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1960".*

Bills read a first time.

Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were read a third time.

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12. OVERSEAS VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding his recent journey overseas, his meeting with the President of the United States, the Prime Ministers' Conference in London and the meeting of the Council of the South-East Asia Treaty Organization in Bangkok.

Mr. Menzies, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers—Final communique—17th March, 1961;
- (2) Council of the South-East Asia Treaty Organization—Seventh Meeting—Bangkok, 29th March, 1961—Resolution regarding Laos and Republic of Vietnam;
- (3) Overseas Visit by Prime Minister—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Ministerial Statement be printed.

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speech.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" in the opinion of this House, the speeches and statements made by the Prime Minister on the question of South Africa, following the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, have done great harm to Australia's relations with other member States of the Commonwealth, and with the nations of South-East Asia; have aggravated the position he created at the United Nations meeting in October last year; and do not represent the views of the Australian people. The House resolves, therefore, that the Right Honorable gentleman should be censured and removed from the office of Minister of State for External Affairs ".

Debate continued.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
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. Clay, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Riordan.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.