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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

FRIDAY, 20TH JULY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EX-SERVICEMEN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the agreements made between the Commonwealth and the States for a land settlement scheme for ex-servicemen. Mr. Dedman then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Land Settlement Scheme for Ex-Servicemen—Ministerial Statement, 20th July, 1945—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 14.  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
GORDON BROWN,  
President.  
The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th July, 1945.  
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—Military powers during emergency (2).  
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Taking possession of land, &c. (11).  
Use of land (2).
5. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Matrimonial Causes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), pursuant to leave given on the 19th July, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment to or employment in the Commonwealth Service of certain State Employees, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Mr. Holt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. DROUGHT RELIEF BILL 1945.—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.  
 Mr. Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Coles, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Russell, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, and Mr. Spender.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.