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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 101.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. K. E. Beazley be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Library Committee.
Question—put and passed.
4. NATIONAL SECURITY ACT 1939-1943 DURATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the duration of the operation of the *National Security Act 1939-1943*.
5. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1944-45 AND AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper :—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1944-45, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the Paper be printed.
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.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—Moruya, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—South Yarra, Victoria.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 54, 55.
War Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 56.
7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SOCIAL SERVICES) BILL 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, 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.
8. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ORGANIZED MARKETING OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS) BILL 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, 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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9. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, 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.

10. STATES GRANTS (TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1946.—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.*)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1946.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

HENRY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 42.

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 make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.

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Ordered—That the foregoing 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.*)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed: Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, by leave, was adopted by the House.

12. STATES GRANTS (TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1946.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White.

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