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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.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. CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the steps taken by the Government to develop and control airline services within Australia and from Australia to other countries. Mr. Drakeford then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Civil Aviation Developments—Ministerial Statement—
and 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.
4. WAR CRIMES—BOARD OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the inquiries made and the reports received in connexion with war crimes committed by enemy subjects against Australians and others.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
War Crimes committed by Enemy Subjects against Australians and others—Report of Board of Inquiry appointed under National Security Regulations.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2458-2492.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. NATIONAL SECURITY 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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8. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the following new clause was added to the Bill, after debate :—

“ 4. Section eighteen B of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (4.), before the word ‘two’, the words ‘not less than’ ”.

Amendment
of s. 18B.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the Title was amended by adding the words “, and for other purposes ”.

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment, and with an amended Title.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. JUDICIARY 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 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUGAR AGREEMENT 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title 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.

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12. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 9) 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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause :—

“(2.) No sales tax shall be chargeable on any freight paid on the transport of goods from wholesaler to retailer or between city and country.”

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled that the amendment was not relevant as the Bill did not deal with freight on goods.

Clause agreed to.

Title 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 nine minutes to ten o'clock p.m., 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. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Spender, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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