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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 115.

THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE, 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. PAPER.—Mr. James presented the following Report from the International Labour Organization of the League of Nations :—  
Coal Mines Committee—Report of First Session, London, December, 1945.  
Ordered—That the Paper be printed.
3. POST-WAR WOOL REALIZATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the general reserve price and the contributory charge which will apply to wool covered by the agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Conelan, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which were discharged from the Notice Paper of the House of Representatives, recommend that the following be printed :—

- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1944-45.
- Darwin—Japanese Aircraft Attack, February, 1942—Reports of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Lowe), together with observations thereon by the Departments of the Navy, Army, Air and Interior.
- Coal—Report by Mr. R. James, M.P., on his Overseas Investigations into Methods of working Thick Coal Seams, Solid Stowage, Mechanization, Practices generally in Coal Mines, Oil from Coal, and Amenities for Miners.
- Food Consumption Levels in Australia and the United Kingdom—Report of a Joint Committee of Australian and United Kingdom Officials.
- Full Employment in Australia—Government Policy.
- Post-war Wool Realizations—Report and recommendations of Conference held in London, April-May, 1945.
- United Nations Organization—First Session of General Assembly, January-February, 1946—Report of Australian Delegation, together with a Report on the Meetings of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, with appendices.
- War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1944-45, together with statements and balance-sheet.

W. P. CONELAN,  
Chairman.

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Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The state of emergency caused by the failure of the Government to ensure adequate supplies of coal for the industrial, transport and domestic requirements of Australia".
- Mr. Speaker thereupon 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. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Ordered That Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered That Mr. Fadden be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered That Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Ordered That Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
6. PAPERS. The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 99.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of External Affairs—A. H. Loomes.
- Customs Act Customs Proclamations—Nos. 652, 653.
- National Security Act—National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 124-128.
- Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-third Annual Report, for year 1944-45.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
8. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1946.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), for Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Meat Export Control Act 1935-1938*, and for other purposes.
- Question—put and passed.
9. MEAT INDUSTRY CONTROL BILL 1946.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), for Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the transfer of the powers, authorities and functions conferred upon and exercised by the Controller of Meat Supplies and the Meat Canning Committee appointed under the National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations and the National Security (Meat Industry) Regulations respectively to the Australian Meat Board during the continuance of the *National Security Act 1939-1946* and the Regulations thereunder.
- Question—put and passed.
10. NATIONALITY BILL (No. 2) 1946.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Naturalization of Persons who reside or have resided in the Territory of New Guinea.
- Question—put and passed.
11. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION 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.)*

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. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 367), the Bill was read a third time.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1945-46.—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.
- Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Bryson
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Spender moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Daly	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Hadley
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule—

Mr. Harrison moved, That the Schedule be postponed.

Question—That the Schedule be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
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		Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.

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Schedule agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed : Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 373), the Bill was read a third time.

13. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1944-45 AND AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER. —The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th March, 1946*], viz. :—

Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1944-45, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to two o'clock in the morning adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Martens, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*