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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 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. TIME 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. DOUBLE TAXATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the agreement made between the United Kingdom and Australia for the purpose of avoiding double taxation on income, and, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Double Taxation—Agreement, signed in London, 29th October, 1946, between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Australia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
4. TRANSPORT OF ALIEN MIGRANTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrangements made for the transport to Australia of certain alien migrants.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1946 ; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
Australian Barley Board—Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance-sheets of Nos. 4, 5 and 6 Pools and General Manager's Report.
Australian Wool Board—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1945-46.
Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-fifth Report, for year 1944-45.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 145.
Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 142.
Aluminium Industry Act—First Annual Report of the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, for period 1st May, 1945, to 30th June, 1946.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1946—
No. 24—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
No. 25—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
Nos. 27 and 28—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
No. 29—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association ; Federated Clerks' Union of Australia ; and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
Nos. 30 and 31—Australian Journalists' Association.
Beer Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 137.
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Twentieth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1945-46, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 146.

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- Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Civil Aviation—A. Hepburn.
 Commerce and Agriculture—F. F. Anderson.
 Defence—F. O. Chilton.
 External Affairs—B. C. Ballard, A. J. Eastman, J. A. Forsythe.
 Interior—E. J. Adams, W. E. Anderton, H. T. Ashton, J. K. Ashton, R. Barnes, S. F. Benporath, A. T. Brunt, R. H. Clarke, M. A. Coote, J. L. Costello, A. W. Douglas, C. A. Glendinning, A. V. Gotley, B. C. Gray, R. G. Handley, F. T. Hannan, R. B. Hargreaves, D. Hart, J. H. Hobba, A. R. W. Lee, K. MacKinnon, G. R. Martin, B. Mason, H. McCann, R. J. McConnell, W. J. Milthorpe, J. E. O'Halloran, D. P. Orr, B. J. Retallack, J. W. A. Riley, W. H. E. Rowe, G. L. Spence, D. R. Stehm, J. F. Thomas, R. W. Walsh, R. W. Warren, R. C. L. White, A. F. Woolcock.
 Labour and National Service—J. R. Isherwood, B. O. Plummer, R. L. Want, R. F. Ward, B. A. L. White.
 Post-war Reconstruction—B. W. Hartnell, C. S. Hewitt, N. F. Stuart.
 Trade and Customs—L. J. Logue.
 Treasury—W. K. Allard, T. H. Halsey.
 Works and Housing—W. M. Herbert, B. A. J. Litchfield, J. B. Roderick, G. A. Soilleux, O. C. C. White.
- Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—
 Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account, together with Auditor-General's report thereon, for year ended 28th February, 1946.
- Customs Act—
 Customs Proclamations—Nos. 657, 659, 661.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 138.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Twenty-first Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1945–46, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 150.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 135.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 10th October, 1946.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Banking purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.
 Commonwealth purposes—Brisbane, Queensland.
 Customs purposes—
 Bald Hills, Queensland.
 Bundaberg, Queensland.
 Sarina, Queensland.
 Defence purposes—
 Ayr, Queensland.
 Bridgewater, Tasmania.
 Beclerup, Western Australia.
 Clairville, New South Wales.
 Deer Park, Victoria.
 Dubbo, New South Wales.
 Geraldton, Western Australia.
 Parafield, South Australia.
 Port Kembla (Mount Berkeley), New South Wales.
 Prospect, New South Wales.
 Toowoomba, Queensland.
 Ultimo, New South Wales.
 Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.
- Postal purposes—
 Adelaide, South Australia.
 Albany, Western Australia.
 Balwyn, Victoria.
 Broadmeadows, Victoria.
 Brunswick West, Victoria.
 Cottesloe, Western Australia.
 Eltham, Victoria.
 Henty, New South Wales.
 Junee Reefs, New South Wales.
 Kellerberrin, Western Australia.
 Kilkenny, South Australia.
 Kingston, South Australia.
 Moonah, Tasmania.
 Mt. Hawthorn, Western Australia.
 Oakleigh, Victoria.
 Plympton, South Australia.
 Preston, Victoria.
 Rockdale, New South Wales.
 South Yarra, Victoria.
 Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.
- Life Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 136.

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National Security Act—

National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations—Order—Sterling area.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Control of rubber (Distribution of motor tyres and motor tubes)—Revocation.

Prohibited places—Revocation.

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 58.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2622–2737.

National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 131.

National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1946, Nos. 23–42.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—

Order—Deferment of banking business.

Orders by State Premier—New South Wales (Nos. 64, 65).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 132, 143, 148, 152, 156, 157.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1946—

No. 6—Medical Benefits and Hospitals.

No. 7—Darwin Short Term Leases.

Regulations—1946—No. 2 (Medical Benefits and Hospitals Ordinance).

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 140.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 131, 139, 149.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1945–46.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1946—

No. 8—Liquor.

No. 9—Theatres and Public Halls.

No. 10—Hospital Tax Ordinance Repeal.

Regulations—1946—

No. 3 (Building and Services Ordinance).

No. 4 (Workmen's Compensation Ordinance).

No. 5 (Building and Services Ordinance).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the

Australian Capital Territory for year 1945–46.

Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 134.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 147.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1945–46, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Wool (Contributory Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 133.

6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Watkins moved, That the honorable Member for Darling (Mr. Clark) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Sheehan. Question—put and passed.
Mr. Clark made his acknowledgments to the House.

7. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott,
George James Bowden, Esquire,
Thomas Patrick Burke, Esquire,
Henry Baynton Somer Gullett, Esquire,
James William Hadley, Esquire,
William Joseph Hutchinson, Esquire,
Daniel Mulcahy, Esquire,
George James Rankin, Esquire,
Rupert Sumner Ryan, Esquire,
Thomas Sheehan, Esquire,
Thomas Neil Sheehy, Esquire, and
David Oliver Watkins, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this seventh day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Speaker.

8. MR. SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the unavoidable absence of Mr. Deputy Speaker, Mr. Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to relieve him temporarily in the Chair. Question—put and passed.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act* 1946, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz., the President of the Senate (Senator Brown) and Senators Arnold and McLachlan.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th November, 1946.

10. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act* 1946, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz.—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Corser, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt and Mr. Sheehan.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Duthie brought up the Address in Reply to His Royal Highness's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Royal Highness for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Duthie moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Edmonds seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past 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. Conelan and Mr. Lawson.

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