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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1946.

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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Sugar—Protocol relating to the International Sugar Agreement (signed in London, 30th August, 1946).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Science and Industry Research Act—Twentieth Annual Report of Council for year 1945-46.

Ordered to be printed.

Bankruptcy Act—Eighteenth Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1946.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Portland, Victoria.

National Security Act—National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—1946, No. 49.

3. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL (No. 2) 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.

Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 19.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Howse
Mr. Beale	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Holt	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Howse
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Beale	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Russell	Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
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Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Johnson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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. Clark reported accordingly.

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL (No. 2) 1946.—
The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 amend the *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1946*.

Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

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. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1946*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

5. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL (No. 2) 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. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time,

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6. WHEAT TAX 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—
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. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see page 67*), the Bill was read a third time.

7. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL (No. 2) 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—
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. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see page 67*), the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Appropriation Act 1946-47*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Royal Highness has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 5th December, 1946.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*States Grants (Drought Relief) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for the purpose of making Grants to certain States for the purpose of Drought Relief*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.[*Wheat Industry Assistance Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wheat Industry Assistance Act 1938'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.[*States Grants Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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[*Ministers of State Bill 1946*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Ministers of State Act 1935-1941'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Census and Statistics Bill 1946*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Census and Statistics Act 1905-1938'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Qantas Empire Airways Agreement Bill 1946*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the execution of an Agreement for the Purchase by the Commonwealth of certain shares in Qantas Empire Airways Limited, and to appropriate the Moneys necessary for the purchase of those shares*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1946*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

10. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

International Labour Organization—Twenty-eighth Session, Seattle, June, 1946—Reports of the Australian Government and Workers' Delegates.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 166.

National Security Act—National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—No. 33.

Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1946—No. 8—Auctioneers.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At eight minutes past three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1946.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the Security and Defence of the Commonwealth during a Time of Transition from War Conditions to Conditions of Peace, 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.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

6th December, 1946.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 22, First Schedule, Third Column, before “ 80 ” insert “ 65 ”.

No. 2.—Page 25, Second Schedule, after the item “ Control of Tinplate Order ” insert the following item :—

“ Cordage and Fibre Order	Regulation 59 of the National Security (General) Regulations	Supply and Shipping	Paragraph 4— Omit sub-paragraphs (1.) and (2.) Omit from sub-paragraph (3.) ‘ after the date this Order is notified in the <i>Gazette</i> ’ Paragraph 5— Omit ‘ On and after the fifteenth day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-four a ’, insert ‘ A ’”.
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No. 3.—Page 25, Second Schedule, after the item “ Jute Goods Order ” insert the following item :—

“ Shirts, Collars and Pyjamas Order	Regulation 59 of the National Security (General) Regulations	Supply and Shipping	Omit paragraphs 3, 4 and 12 Omit the First Schedule”.
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Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report.

Suspension of Sitting.—At thirteen minutes past four o’clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At five minutes to five o’clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Wheat Industry Stabilization Bill (No. 2) 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1946’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1946.

[*Wheat Tax Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Tax in respect of certain Wheat* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
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[*Wheat Export Charge Bill (No. 2) 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wheat Export Charge Act 1946’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.