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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1947.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 6th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable George Lawson made and subscribed the Oath required by law.

3. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Royal Highness the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address-in-Reply at the Opening of the Eighteenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty The King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which Your Address gives expression.

9th December, 1946.

HENRY,
Governor-General.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) 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, 9th December, 1946.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1946* "

" *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act (No. 2) 1946* "

" *Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Act 1946* "

" *Excise Tariff Validation Act (No. 2) 1946* "

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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1946.

19th February, 1947.

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 12.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ States Grants (Drought Relief) Act 1946 ”
- “ Wheat Industry Assistance Act 1946 ”
- “ States Grants Act 1946 ”
- “ Ministers of State Act 1946 ”
- “ Census and Statistics Act 1946 ”
- “ Qantas Empire Airways Agreement Act 1946 ”
- “ Loan (Housing) Act 1946 ”
- “ Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946 ”
- “ Wheat Tax Act 1946 ”
- “ Wheat Export Charge Act (No. 2) 1946 ”
- “ Wheat Industry Stabilization Act (No. 2) 1946 ”

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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 14th December, 1946.

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 13.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ Constitution Alteration (Social Services) 1946 ” 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, 19th December, 1946.

5. ELECTORAL ROLLS—ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES—REPORT BY CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, the following Paper :—

Electorals Rolls for certain subdivisions of Martin and Parkes—Alleged Irregularities—Report by Chief Electoral Officer—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Harrison 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. WHEAT FOR NEW ZEALAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the arrangements made for the supply of Australian wheat to New Zealand.

Mr. McEwen, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

7. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.

8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past four 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. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.