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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1947.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRISONERS OF WAR—SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cameron, by leave, made a Statement informing the House that the matter of paying a subsistence allowance to prisoners of war was not one referred to or considered by the Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to inquire into and report on methods of recognition of the services of the Fighting Forces.
3. FOODSTUFFS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM—USE OF TANK LANDING SHIPS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Howse, by leave, made a Statement with reference to a proposal that tank landing ships, manned by volunteer crews, should be used to carry foodstuffs to the United Kingdom.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947* " 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 Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 14th March, 1947.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
    - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—No. 12—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union.
    - Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—R. M. Simms.
    - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Treasury—J. I. Walliker.
    - Works and Housing—E. Tweddell.
    - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
      - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (28).
      - National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 59, 60.
    - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
      - Defence purposes—
        - Ballarat, Victoria.
        - Monegeeta, Victoria.
      - Postal purposes—Mater Hill (Brisbane), Queensland.
  6. PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS.—Mr. Cameron moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, being considered forthwith.
- Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker, having called the attention of the House to the fact that motions in the same terms had been considered and negatived on Thursday and Friday last, ruled that the motion was not in order as it contravened Standing Order No. 125,

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7. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE ASSESSMENT BILL 1947.—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.

Dame Enid Lyons moved, as an amendment, That all words after "be" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"read a second time after the Stevedoring Industry Bill 1947 has been returned from the Senate with the views of that House on clauses 22 to 25 (2) of that Bill".

*Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) ruled that the amendment was out of order as it was not relevant to the Bill.

Dame Enid Lyons, by leave, moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the question.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
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Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
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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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to:

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 2, line 12, add at the end of the definition of "employer" the words "and includes the Crown in right of a State and an authority constituted under the law of a State".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clauses 5 to 9 agreed to.  
 Clause 10 debated and agreed to.  
 Remaining clauses, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) on the 5th March, 1947 (see page 95).

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
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Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Daly	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully	Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward		
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Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway			
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
 Resolution 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.  
 Mr. Evatt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Evatt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1947.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to impose a Charge in respect of the Employment of Waterside Workers", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Evatt moved, 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. Evatt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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11. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1947.—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.

Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Spender, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*