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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1947.

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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Chambers (Minister for the Army) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. CASE OF MAJOR C. COUSENS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chambers (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the cancellation of the commission of Major C. Cousens, of the Australian Imperial Force.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of the Interior—K. Gottlieb, C. A. Maddern, D. G. Thomas.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Toowoomba, Queensland.
5. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS 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.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 55.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mrs. Blackburn
Mr. Anthony	Mr. James	Mr. Cameron
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Langtry	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Lang
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Daly	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Davidson	Sir Earle Page	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scully	
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Sheehan	
Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehy	
Mr. Fraser	Mr. White	
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Williams	
Mr. Harrison		
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Howse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time,

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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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1947.—

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 17.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve of Australia becoming a Member of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and to make such provisions as are necessary or expedient by reason of the Membership of Australia of the Fund and of the Bank.

Canberra, 20th March, 1947.

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. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve of Australia becoming a Member of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and to make such provisions as are necessary or expedient by reason of the Membership of Australia of the Fund and of the Bank.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 53.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Leramon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McBride
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Davidson	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fraser	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Williams
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

Mrs. Blackburn
Sir Earle Page
Mr. Rankin

Tellers:

Mr. Cameron
Mr. Lang

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed: Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

20th March, 1947.

7. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1947. —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 further considered and agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, 'That the words "it receives the Royal Assent" (page 1, lines 6 and 7) be omitted with a view to inserting the words "an Act to ratify the International Trade Organization Agreement receives the Royal Assent" in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 11 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BEER EXCISE BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the Beer Excise Act 1901-1928", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 20th March, 1947.

Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes in connexion with Stevedoring Operations, to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States, to regulate and control the Performance of Stevedoring Operations, to provide for the Establishment of a Stevedoring Industry Commission, 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.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 20th March, 1947.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

[*Stevedoring Industry Charge Assessment Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Charge in respect of the Employment of Waterside Workers", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 20th March, 1947.

[*Stevedoring Industry Charge Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to impose a Charge in respect of the Employment of Waterside Workers", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 20th March, 1947.

20th and 21st March, 1947.

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

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1947.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.