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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

FRIDAY, 30TH MAY, 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. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lang rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for the transfer of the short-wave service known as 'Radio Australia' from the Department of Information to the control of the Australian Broadcasting Commission".
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
- Mr. Lang moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Closure.*—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Lang	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.

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4. PAPERS. —The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—No. 45—  
 Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—  
 Appointments—Department—  
 Civil Aviation—J. M. Giroud.  
 Postmaster-General—W. R. Baker, R. Buring, R. Frankel, L. T. Garrioch, D. A. Gray,  
 R. K. Heathcote, J. K. Lynch, F. J. Norman, O. A. Pierotti, R. Pitkethly, J. H.  
 Reen, H. J. Thorogood, F. D. Wilkinson.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 62 (Parliamentary Officers).  
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2934–2955, 2957–2965.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 61.  
 Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1945–46.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES 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. 29.

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 *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920-1938*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th May, 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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920-1938*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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. INTERIM FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide certain Benefits for members of the Interim Forces by reason of their service with such Forces, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Dedman then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

7. APPROVED DEFENCE PROJECTS PROTECTION BILL 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the protection of Approved Defence Projects, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

8. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES AGREEMENT BILL 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), for Mr. Barnard (Acting Minister for Civil Aviation), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution, by or on behalf of the Commonwealth, of an Agreement for the Purpose of Establishing, Operating and Developing Trans-Pacific Air Services between Australia and North America and between New Zealand and North America, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Dedman then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

9. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 111 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 112 and 113 agreed to.

Clause 114 debated and agreed to.

Remaining clauses, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

10. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES AGREEMENT BILL 1947. The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Barnard (Acting Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1947-48. 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. Fraser 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. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE. Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to approve the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 30th May, 1947.

[Coinage Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Coinage Act 1909-1936", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 30th May, 1947.

13. INTERIM FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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