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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 63.

TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr. Chambers (Minister for the Army) would act as Minister for Transport and Minister for External Territories from the 4th June, 1947, during the absence abroad of Mr. Ward.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 63, 65.
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 60.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—C. A. J. Lum.
Darwin Lands Acquisition Act, Lands Acquisition Act, and Lands Acquisition Ordinance of the Northern Territory—Land acquired for purposes of re-planning and development, and institution of system of leasehold tenure—Darwin, Northern Territory.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Service munitions (Carriage by road Victoria).
National Security (Minerals) Regulations—Order—Mica.
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 142.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 58.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Ascot, Western Australia.
Korumburra, Victoria.
Lang Lang, Victoria.
Port Wakefield, South Australia.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1917—No. 1—Matrimonial Causes.
War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 64.
5. APPROVED DEFENCE PROJECTS PROTECTION BILL 1947.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 30th May, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the protection of Approved Defence Projects, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Evatt moved, by leave, 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.

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6. SUPERANNUATION 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 and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

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 *Superannuation Act 1922-1946*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1946*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

8. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. 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. Francis moved, That the 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Beazley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McBride, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Williams.

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