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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 65.

THURSDAY, 5TH JUNE, 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 ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, from the 5th June, 1947, during the absence abroad of Mr. Dedman, he would act as Minister for Defence, that Mr. Pollard would act as Minister for Post-war Reconstruction, and that Mr. Riordan would act as Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
External Territories— E. D. Jordan.
Supply and Shipping—E. J. Pearse.
4. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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.
5. HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION 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—
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. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 209), the Bill was read a third time.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1946-47.—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—
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. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 208), the Bill was read a third time.

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9. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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. McEwen was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. LAND SALES CONTROL OFFICE, SYDNEY—ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that a public inquiry would be instituted to investigate the alleged irregularities in the Sydney Land Sales Control Office, and any associated matters dealt with in the Canberra Land Sales Control Office.

Mr. Harrison, by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.

Mr. Chifley, by leave, made a further Statement.

11. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4

On the motion of Mr. Lenimon (Acting Minister for the Interior), the following amendment was made:—

Page 3, lines 22 and 23, omit "three years at the least resident within the Territory", insert "six months at the least resident within the Commonwealth and three months at the least resident within the Territory".

Mr. Blain moved, by leave, as a further amendment, That the words "during the pleasure of the Governor-General" (page 2, lines 5 and 6) be omitted and the following words inserted in place thereof:—"for three years from date of appointment. No official member shall be removable by the Government by reason of any act done by him or vote cast by him in Council or in connexion with the Council's business".

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, by leave, as a further amendment, That the word "six" (page 2, line 7) be omitted and the word "ten" inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

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

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, by leave, as a further amendment, That sub-section (3.) of proposed section 4B be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, by leave, as a further amendment, That the word "five" (page 2, line 15) be omitted and the word "six" inserted in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

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Mr. Blain moved, by leave, as a further amendment, That the word " Administrator " (page 3, line 9) be omitted and the word " Council " inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Blain moved, as a further amendment, That proposed section 4p be omitted and the following section inserted in place thereof :—

" 4p. A Chairman shall be elected at the first meeting of the Council in each electoral term and shall preside over all meetings of the Council, and, in his absence the Council may elect a temporary Chairman."

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, as a further amendment, That the words " the Administrator, unless the proposal has been expressly allowed or directed by him " (page 4, lines 26 and 27) be omitted and the words " vote of the Council " inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Blain moved, as a further amendment, That the word " Administrator " (page 4, line 36) be omitted and the words " Governor-General in Council " be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, as a further amendment, That sub-section (3.) of proposed section 4v be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, as a further amendment, That proposed section 4w be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Blain moved, as a further amendment, That proposed section 4x be omitted and the following section inserted in place thereof :—

" 4x. Where any Ordinance is disallowed by the Administrator, it shall, if a request be made unanimously by the elected members of the Council, be remitted to be laid on the Table of each House of Parliament for special consideration within three months of such disallowance."

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, the following amendment was made :—

Page 5, omit " a radius " (wherever occurring), insert " a circle having a radius ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

" 4A. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word ' Governor-General ' the words ' or the Council '."

Effect of continuance of State laws.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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. 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 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 13 agreed to.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate :—

" 4A. After section four of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part I. :—

" 4A.—(1) The Director may, in his discretion, treat an eligible person and the wife or husband of that eligible person together as an eligible person for the purposes of this Act, and any reference in this Act to an eligible person shall be read as including a reference to a husband and wife with whom the Director proposes to enter, or has entered, into any transaction in accordance with this sub-section.

Eligible person and spouse may be treated together as eligible person.

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' (2.) Any such husband and wife shall be jointly and severally liable to fulfil the obligations of an eligible person, purchaser or borrower under this Act.

' (3.) The Director shall not apply this section in relation to any land, or land and dwelling house, if the land, or land and dwelling-house, is or are owned or proposed to be owned by the eligible person and his or her wife or husband otherwise than as joint tenants.

' (4.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, so long as any land, or land and dwelling-house, owned or being purchased by a husband and wife as joint tenants is subject to a contract of sale, mortgage or other security in accordance with this Act, a transfer, conveyance, assignment or surrender of any interest or share of that husband or wife in the land or land and dwelling-house shall not have any force or effect unless it is made with the consent in writing of the Director.

' (5.) Where a husband and wife together purchase or borrow under this Act, the powers of the Director under section thirty-three of this Act may be exercised as against both of them if either of them becomes bankrupt or insolvent or if the interest of either of them in the land or dwelling-house is the subject of execution by a creditor.'"

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, the following further new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

" 6A. After section seventeen A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

' 17B.—(1.) The Director, or a person acting with the authority of, or in ^{Effect of State laws as to building.} accordance with the terms of a contract with, the Director, shall not be bound, in or in connexion with the erection of a dwelling-house for the purposes of this Act, by any law of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth (including any by-law, ordinance or regulation of any local governing authority) relating to or affecting the building of houses.

' (2.) Where a person has acquired the ownership of, or an interest in, any dwelling-house erected for the purposes of this Act, that person shall not be liable, under the provisions of any law referred to in sub-section (1.) of this section, to any action or proceeding, or to be disturbed in the enjoyment of his rights in respect of the dwelling-house, by reason, directly or indirectly, of the manner or circumstances in which the dwelling-house was originally erected.

' (3.) The Director shall not erect, or cause to be erected, a dwelling-house the erection of which would, apart from this section, be or involve a contravention of, or failure to comply with, any law referred to in sub-section (1.) of this section unless—

- (a) he considers it necessary so to do in order that homes may be provided expeditiously for eligible persons at prices which are within their means : and
- (b) he has obtained a certificate of a qualified architect certifying that, in his opinion, the proposed dwelling-house, or dwelling-houses of the description of the proposed dwelling-house, will not be or are not detrimental to health or safety and will be or are substantial and durable.'"

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1947.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1. —Page 8, clause 28, line 27, leave out " First ".

No. 2.—Page 8, clause 28, line 29, leave out " First ".

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—UNITED KINGDOM GRANT BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with section fifty-eight of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled " An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom " and known as the *United Kingdom Grant Act 1947*, which has been presented to him for the King's assent, and transmits herewith the following amendment which he recommends to be made in the proposed law.

(Government House,
Canberra, 5th June, 1947.)

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AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED.

New Clause.

After clause 1, insert the following new clause :—

“ 1A. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Commencement Royal Assent.”.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered, 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 (Treasurer) moved, That the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

15. WAR GRATUITY 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.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR GRATUITY 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. 33.

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 *War Gratuity Act 1945*.

Canberra, 26th May, 1947.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Gratuity Act 1945*.

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

17. WAR GRATUITY 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

18. SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION DECLARATORY BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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Mr. Deputy 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Seamen's Compensation Act 1947* ”

“ *Quarantine Act 1947* ”

“ *Beer Excise 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 4th June, 1947.

20. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947. No. 51—
Postal Telecommunications Technicians' Association (Australia).

21. STATES GRANTS 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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 216), the Bill was read a third time.

22. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1947.

Debate continued.

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Sheehy) 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.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by the Acting Speaker (Mr. Sheehy) :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 35.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of certain Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th May, 1947.

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

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The Acting Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of certain Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

24. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Sheehy) 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (DROUGHT RELIEF) 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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 210), the Bill was read a third time.

26. 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.

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.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Falkinder moved, as an amendment, That the word " five " (page 2, line 8) be omitted and the word " three " inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

Mr. Falkinder moved, as an amendment, That the word " two " (page 2, line 18) be omitted and the word " three " inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clause 13—

Dame Enid Lyons moved, as an amendment, That before paragraph (a) the following paragraph be inserted :—

" (aa) by inserting in sub-section (2.) after the word ' adopted ' the words ' but omitting the years 1940 to 1947 inclusive ' ; "

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

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Dame Enid Lyons moved, as an amendment, That before paragraph (a) the following paragraph be inserted :—

“(ab) by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section :—

‘(2A.) In cases where a State fails to fill its quota for reasons unacceptable to the Board, the Board may reduce by fifty per centum of the quantity in default, the quota of that State for the year following.’;”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27. WAYS AND MEANS—APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) on the 21st February, 1947 (*see* page 83).

Motion agreed to.

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. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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. Pollard was adopted by the House.

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

28. APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend section four of the ‘Apple and Pear Export Charges Act 1938’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

29. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES AGREEMENT 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—

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.*)

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.

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30. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES AGREEMENT 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. 36.

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 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.

Canberra, 29th May, 1947.

Mr. Barnard (Acting Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Barnard moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of 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.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

31. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES AGREEMENT 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 agreed to.

Remainder of 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. Barnard (Acting Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

32. INTERIM FORCES BENEFITS 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. 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

33. APPROVED DEFENCE PROJECTS PROTECTION 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. 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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34. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1945-46.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by the Acting Speaker (Mr. Burke):—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 3rd June, 1947.

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 3rd June, 1947.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

35. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1945-46.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1945-46.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1945-46, for the several services hereunder specified, viz.:—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

	£
Parliament	12,763
Prime Minister's Department	67,158
Department of External Affairs	149,657
Department of the Treasury	24,077
Attorney-General's Department	14,455
Department of the Interior	5,611
Department of Works and Housing	15,845
Department of Civil Aviation	128,514
Department of Trade and Customs	74,121
Department of Health	872
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	32,241
Department of Social Services	13,588
Department of Supply and Shipping	1,572
Department of External Territories	4,168
Department of Immigration	10,444
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—	£
Department of the Navy	4,994,905
Department of the Army	18,842,199
Department of Air	8,991,713
Department of Munitions	459,343
Department of Aircraft Production	104,014
Department of Supply and Shipping	125,959
Department of Home Security	2,193
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces	6,009,957
Miscellaneous Credits	Cr. 37,175,716
Other War Services	11,187,435
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure	23,664,289
Credits from Disposals Commission	12,364,519
	49,570,810
<i>Less amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2)</i>	
1945-46	20,000,000
	29,570,810
<i>Less amounts provided under other war votes</i>	
<i>which remained unexpended at close of year</i>	29,570,810
	217,674
Miscellaneous Services	7,209
War (1914-18) Services	
Total Part I.	779,969

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<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>		£
Commonwealth Railways		1,697
Postmaster-General's Department		1,230,625
Total Part II.		1,232,322
 <i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>		
Northern Territory		44,205
Australian Capital Territory		57,136
Total Part III.		101,341
 <i>Part V.—Relief to Primary Producers</i>		
		169,965
Total		2,283,597

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1945-46.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1945-46 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £977,829.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, were adopted by the House.

36. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1945-46. —The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1945-46.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1945-46, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,283,597.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1945-46.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1945-46, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £977,829.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions 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.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Evatt do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

37. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1945-46. —Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intitled "A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six", 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.

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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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38. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1945-46.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.", 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.

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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

39. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Foreign Affairs—Statement by Minister for External Affairs, dated 6th June, 1947, together with related documents.

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

40. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1947 AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the following Orders of the Day—

(1) Pharmaceutical Benefits Bill 1947—Second reading—Resumption of debate, and

(2) Hospital Benefits Bill 1947—Second reading—Resumption of debate—

made Orders of the Day for the next sitting, being made the next Orders of the Day for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

41. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS 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. 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

42. HOSPITAL BENEFITS 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—

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. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

[Parliamentary Allowances Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920-1938", and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 5th June, 1947.

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President.

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[Supply Bill (No. 1) 1947-48]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[War Pensions Appropriation Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[War Service Homes Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War Service Homes Act 1918-1947', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[Northern Territory (Administration) Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1947'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1946-47]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and to appropriate that sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[War Gratuity Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War Gratuity Act 1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[Wine Export Bounty Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of certain Fortified Wine, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

[States Grants Bill 1947]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

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[*New South Wales Grant (Drought Relief) Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for the purpose of making a Grant to the State of New South Wales for the purpose of Drought Relief*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Apple and Pear Export Charges Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend section four of the 'Apple and Pear Export Charges Act 1938'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Interim Forces Benefits Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines Agreement Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Approved Defence Projects Protection Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the protection of Approved Defence Projects, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1945-46*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1945-46*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June; One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

44. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—UNITED KINGDOM GRANT BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that it has agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom*", which amendment was transmitted by the House of Representatives to the Senate for its concurrence.

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The copy of the said Bill, which was forwarded by the House of Representatives, is returned herewith.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

45. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938', 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, 6th June, 1947, a.m.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 7-10, leave out "the occupier of an orchard of which not less than five acres is used for the growing of apples or pears or apples and pears", insert "a person who carries on the business of growing apples or pears or apples and pears and, for that purpose, utilizes an area or areas comprising not less than five acres".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 6, line 33, before "(5.)" insert "(4.)".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 6, before proposed new sub-section (5.) of section four of the Principal Act insert the following sub-section :—

"(4.) The member appointed as the Government representative shall hold office, unless sooner removed from office by the Governor-General, for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment."

No. 4.—Page 4, clause 13, line 14, leave out "determination"; and ", insert "decision":

No. 5.—Page 4, clause 13, lines 15-19, leave out paragraph (c), insert the following paragraphs :—
" (c) by omitting from sub-section (8.) the words 'an arbitrator, the arbitrator' and inserting in their stead the words 'the Minister, the Minister'; and
(d) by omitting from that sub-section the word 'arbitrator' and inserting in its stead the word 'Minister'."

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) the amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report.

46. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—R. C. Taylor.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Shipping Co-ordination)
Regulations—Orders—1947, Nos. 21-24.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances 1947—

No. 2—Conservation of Soil.

No. 3—Building Operations Control.

47. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Beale be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in place of Mr. Gullett, resigned.

Question—put and passed.

48. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

49. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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50. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to seven o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

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