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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 66.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 6th June last.—  
Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Honorable Brooke Claxton, K.C., B.C.L., D.C.M., Minister of National Defence in the Government of the Dominion of Canada, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that no further steps should be taken by the Government towards the nationalization of the banking system without first seeking the authority of the Australian people, were presented as under:—  
By Sir Earle Page, from certain electors of the Division of Cowper ;  
By Mr. Abbott, from certain electors of the Division of New England, and  
By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond.  
Mr. Speaker presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Warringah, praying that the Commonwealth Parliament will delay taking any action to nationalize the banking system until a referendum has first been submitted to the people.  
Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Barker, praying that the House will maintain the present banking system unimpaired.  
Petitions severally received and read.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- " Australian National University Act 1947 "
- " Aliens Act 1947 "
- " Services Trust Funds Act 1947 "
- " United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Act 1947 "
- " Coinage 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, 10th June, 1947.

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- " Social Services Consolidation Act 1947 "
- " Social Services Legislation Declaratory 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, 11th June, 1947.

17th September, 1947.

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 41.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " United Kingdom Grant Act 1947 "
- " Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1947 "
- " War Pensions Appropriation Act 1947 "
- " States Grants Act 1947 "
- " British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines Agreement 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, 11th June, 1947.

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 42.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947 "
- " Hospital Benefits 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, 12th June, 1947.

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " Superannuation Act 1947 "
- " Parliamentary Allowances Act 1947 "
- " Supply Act (No. 1) 1947-48 "
- " War Service Homes Act 1947 "
- " Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1947 "
- " Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1946-47 "
- " War Gratuity Act 1947 "
- " Wine Export Bounty Act 1947 "
- " New South Wales Grant (Drought Relief) Act 1947 "
- " Apple and Pear Organization Act 1947 "
- " Apple and Pear Export Charges Act 1947 "
- " Interim Forces Benefits Act 1947 "
- " Approved Defence Projects Protection Act 1947 "
- " Supplementary Appropriation Act 1945-46 "
- " Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1945-46 "

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Government House,  
Canberra, 12th June, 1947.

5. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.
6. 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.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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 to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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