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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 87.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) presented a Petition from certain electors of the Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy, 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.
Petition received and read.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the Right Honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Scullin), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—No. 77—
Australian Journalists' Association.
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 149.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Appointment—Department of Supply and Shipping—D. J. Guppy.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 146, 147.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Order—No. 3114.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Amberley, Queensland.
Northern Territory Representation Act, Northern Territory (Administration) Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 148.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General. *Message No. 51.*
A Proposed Law intituled " *Appropriation Act 1947-48* " 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 Law.

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Canberra, 27th October, 1947.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 78.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924–1942’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, Senator O’Sullivan has been appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement amending the Agreement approved by the ‘ Sugar Agreement Act 1946’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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.—SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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 Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, after clause 2, insert the following new clause :—

“ 2A. The *Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911* is repealed.”

Repeal of
Arbitration
(Public Service)
Act 1911.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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10. **BANKING 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.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. McEwen moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fadden from concluding his speech without interruption.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House. Debate continued.

Mr. Howse 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. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beale*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Spender and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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