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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 100.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 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. 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Organization—Twenty-ninth Session, Montreal, September, 1946—
Reports of the Australian Government and Employers' Delegates.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Representation Act—Determination, made by the Chief Electoral Officer, of the Representation of the States in the House of Representatives, dated 17th November, 1947.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Labour and National Service—A. C. Clarke, E. J. Moran.
Representation Act—Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Numbers of the People of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 30th June, 1947.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RENTS AND PRICES) BILL 1947.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill, for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Rents and Prices (including Charges).
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BANKING 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. 55.*
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 relating to Banking and for other purposes.
Canberra, 14th October, 1947.

19th November, 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 (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Banking 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. Chifley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. BANKING 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.*)

Clauses 47 to 55, by leave, taken together.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (3.) of clause 50 :—

“ Provided that a person appointed to a position in the Commonwealth Bank Service under sub-section (1.) of this section shall not be transferred to a position of lower classification under section one hundred and sixty-nine of the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1945* nor retired under that section for a period of five years after his appointment to that position.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

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

Noes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That clauses 47 to 55 be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That the word " thousand " (clause 61, page 25, line 44) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " hundred " in place thereof.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Langtry			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Langtry			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the report.

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

Mr. Menzies moved, as an amendment, That the word " now " be omitted from, and that the words " this day six months " be added to, the question.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
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. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
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Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
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. Duthie	Mr. Scully
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Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH—JOINT ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the following Joint Address be presented to His Majesty the King:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, tender to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen greetings on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of your elder daughter and Heir Presumptive to the Throne Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth with Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

We desire to express the happiness felt by the people of Australia at this event and ask Your Majesty to convey to Her Royal Highness and to Lieutenant Mountbatten our wishes for a happy future marked by good health and the absence of anxieties occasioned by war or by any other calamity which could fall upon the peoples of the Empire.

We take this opportunity of expressing our continued loyalty to the Throne and Person of Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Fadden having addressed the House in support thereof—

Question—put and passed.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL (No. 2) 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. 56.

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 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.

Canberra, 18th October, 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 (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke 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. Pollard 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. Falkinder 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MINISTERS OF STATE 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. 57.

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 *Ministers of State Act 1935-1946*.

Canberra, 10th October, 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 *Ministers of State Act 1935-1946*.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke 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. Lemmon 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.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 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. 58.

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 *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*.

Canberra, 18th November, 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 *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1931-1936*.

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. Holloway 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. 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. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RENTS AND PRICES) BILL 1947.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Rents and Prices (including Charges)* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Holloway 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.

12. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), pursuant to leave given on the 13th November, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1918-1946 ’, as amended by the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947 ’ and the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1947 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Lemmon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. White 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.

13. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BILL (No. 2) 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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14. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to eleven 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 Mr. Beale*, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Scullin*.

* On leave.

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