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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 103.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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. MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH—REPLY TO JOINT ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING.—
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following reply by His Majesty The King to the Joint Address presented on the occasion of the marriage of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth :—
“ The Queen and I send to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia our warm thanks for their message of greetings on the occasion of the marriage of The Princess Elizabeth with the Duke of Edinburgh. We greatly appreciate this expression of your loyalty and goodwill towards us.
GEORGE R.”
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—
No. 88—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 89—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—R. E. Pitman.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
Commerce and Agriculture—I. Macfarlane.
Works and Housing—A. O. Dalton, D. M. De Mole, R. M. Kilpin, W. E. Kinsey,
J. J. Meyer, S. G. J. Parker, L. S. Parkinson, D. J. Paterson, E. C. Paterson,
E. J. Walker, H. White.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 154 (Parliamentary Officers), 158.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (9).
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 146.
National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1947, Nos. 48-56.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 157, 159.
Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 156.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Southern Cross, Western Australia.
Postal purposes—
Narrandera, New South Wales.
Sydenham, Victoria.
Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 160.
Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 155.

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4. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section be inserted :—

“(1A.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the administration and distribution of an existing patriotic fund shall not be taken out of the hands of the organization controlling the fund unless that organization has notified the Minister that it desires to relinquish the administration of the fund.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 22.

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

Noes, 35.

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That after “ purpose ” (page 2, line 26) the words “ but shall not include any fund registered under the law of a State ” be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 21.

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

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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. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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.

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5. **LOAN (HOUSING) 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 301), the Bill was read a third time.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Beale, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Howse, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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