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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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. 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. 30.

A Proposed Law intituled "Australian National University Act (No. 2) 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 Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 25th November, 1947.

4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Howse rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to make provision for the handling and transport of the wheat harvest".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Howse moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Noes, 27.

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. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKING BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Banking 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.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Broadcasting—Composite profit and loss account of the national broadcasting service for year 1945-46.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Chelsea, Victoria.
Corrimal, New South Wales.

Lands Acquisition Act and Lands Acquisition Ordinance of the Northern Territory—Land acquired for Department of Works and Housing purposes—Darwin (near), Northern Territory.

7. STATES GRANTS 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. Lemmon (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 407), the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUGAR 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—
Debate resumed.

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

9. BANKING 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 3, clause 9, lines 43 and 44, leave out “enabling the banking business of private banks to be conducted by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Bank”, insert “facilitating the control by the Commonwealth Bank of the banking business in Australia of private banks”.

No. 2.—Page 12, clause 33, at end of clause add the following sub-clauses :—

“(6.) Where the members of the Court are divided in opinion on any question, the question shall be decided according to the decision of the majority, if there is a majority, but if the members of the Court are equally divided in opinion the question shall be decided according to the opinion of the Chief Judge, or, if the Chief Judge is not a member of the Court or there is a vacancy in the office of Chief Judge, according to the opinion of the next senior Judge present.

“(7.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, the Judges of the Court shall have seniority according to the dates of their commissions.”.

No. 3.—Page 12, clause 34, at end of clause add the following sub-clause :—

“(2.) A judgment or order of the Court shall be enforceable as if it were a judgment or order of the High Court.”.

No. 4.—Page 25, after clause 60, insert the following new clause :—

“60A. The Commonwealth guarantees the payment of all compensation payable Guarantee by Commonwealth. by the Commonwealth Bank under this Act.”.

Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

10. MINISTERS OF STATE 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 407), the Bill was read a third time.

11. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 408), the Bill was read a third time.

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12. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(c) by adding at the end of the definition of ‘ Eligible person ’ the following words :—
 ‘ and includes a resident of the Territory of New Guinea or the Territory of Papua ’.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment 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. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day 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. Evatt*, Mr. Gullett, Dame Enid Lyons and Mr. Scullin*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.