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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 105.

THURSDAY, 27TH 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. RETIREMENT OF MR. K. BINNS, PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the impending retirement of Mr. K. Binns, Parliamentary Librarian, and expressed appreciation of the valuable service rendered to the Parliament by Mr. Binns during his 36 years' service.
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. Fadden and Mr. Blain, by leave, also addressed the House in similar terms.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of next week.
Question—put and passed.
4. TRACTOR BOUNTY 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. Abbott reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 302), the Bill was read a third time.

5. ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES BILL (AUSTRALIA) 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 for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. TRADESMEN'S RIGHTS REGULATION 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. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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7. EGG EXPORT CONTROL 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.
Mrs. Blackburn 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 a later hour this day.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RENTS AND PRICES) 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.
Mr. Fuller 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.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—
- [*Gold Tax Suspension Bill 1947*]—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 83.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to Suspend the Tax imposed by the ‘Gold Tax Act 1939’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
Canberra, 27th November, 1947.
- [*War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Bill 1947*]—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 84.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940–1946’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
Canberra, 27th November, 1947.
- [*War-time (Company) Tax Bill 1947*]—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 85.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘War-time (Company) Tax Act 1940–1941’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.
The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
Canberra, 27th November, 1947.
- [*States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Bill 1947*]—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 86.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
Canberra, 27th November, 1947.
- [*Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) 1947*]—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 87.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1936–1946’*, as amended by the ‘*Income Tax Assessment Act 1947*’, and for other purposes”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
Canberra, 27th November, 1947.
- [*Parliamentary Allowances Bill (No. 2) 1947*]—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 88.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920–1938’*, as amended by the ‘*Parliamentary Allowances Act 1947’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
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[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 90.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1946’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 27th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 91.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

11. 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. 61.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Banking 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 Law.

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W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“ *Gold Tax Suspension Act 1947* ”“ *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1947* ”“ *War-time (Company) Tax 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.

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12. 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 twenty-three minutes past 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. Duthie, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Gullett, Dame Enid Lyons and Mr. Scullin*.

* On leave.

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