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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 124.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1948.

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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Rankin (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—  
Report relating to the proposed erection of a Tribophysics Laboratory, Melbourne.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 130.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill (No. 2) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 131.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934, as amended by the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1948* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference Bill (No. 2) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 132.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939, as amended by the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1948* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9th April, 1948.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 34.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 38.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 39.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Commerce and Agriculture—C. W. Lattimore.

Treasury—B. E. Fleming.

Works and Housing—J. M. Hamilton, W. Tauss.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 32.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 35.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 33, 40, 41.

Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 36.

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- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
 Defence purposes—  
     Pearce, Western Australia.  
     Portland, New South Wales.  
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Nhill, Victoria.  
 Life Insurance Act—Second Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for year ended 31st December, 1947.  
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 37.  
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1948—No. 1 (Crown Lands Ordinance).
5. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supply and Development Act 1939-1944*.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 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, 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.
6. REPRESENTATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), for Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to increase the Number of Senators and for other purposes.  
 Question—put and passed.
7. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), for Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1946* and the *Senate Elections Act 1903-1922*.  
 Question—put and passed.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TUBERCULAR BLOCK AND ADDITIONS TO SISTERS' QUARTERS AT LADY DAVIDSON HOME, TURRAMURRA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—  
 Erection, at Lady Davidson Home, Turramurra, New South Wales, of a Multi-story Tubercular Block and Additions to the Sisters' Quarters, for the Repatriation Commission.  
 Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
 Question—put and passed.
9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—OFFICE BUILDING FOR COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS, BRISBANE.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—Erection of an Office Building to house Commonwealth Departments in Brisbane.  
 Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
 Question—put and passed.
10. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 11th March, 1948*], viz.:—  
 International Affairs—Statement prepared by the Minister for External Affairs, 11th March, 1948—  
 be printed—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders*.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) from concluding his speech without interruption.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Menzies continued and concluded his speech.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. Gaha 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. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. McBride, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Watkins.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*