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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 134.

THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, 1948.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Report—Static Condensers of the Oil-immersed Type.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 - Tariff Board—Reports—
 - Acetylene Black (Interim).
 - Alkalis, Chlorine and Chlorine Products.
 - Kit Bag Frames.
 - Moulders' Chaplets or Studs and Moulders' Pipe Nails (or Chaplet Nails).
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Taxation—Twenty-seventh Report of Commissioner, dated 1st May, 1948, together with Statistical Appendices.
 - Ordered to be printed.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Commerce and Agriculture—A. K. Major.
 - Parliamentary Reporting Staff—A. B. R. Miller, R. A. A. Paynter.
 - Overseas Telecommunications Act—First Annual Report of the Telecommunications Commission (Australia) from the establishment of the Commission to 30th June, 1947, together with financial accounts.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), for Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.
Question—put and passed.
4. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1948.—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.)

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

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

“(1A.) A person who is a member of the Communist Party shall not be eligible for engagement under the last preceding sub-section.”.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the sub-section proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Sheehy, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Lang	Mr. McDonald

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams
Mr. Duthie	
Mr. Edmonds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1948.—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—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1948.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 72.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1947* and for other purposes.

Canberra, 30th April, 1948.

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. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1947* 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. Dedman, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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7. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1948.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.
Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 8 to 11 agreed to.
Clause 12 debated and agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. ACOUSTIC LABORATORIES BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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 a later hour this day.
10. TRANSFERRED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCES BILL 1948.—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. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 532) the Bill was read a third time.

11. COMMONWEALTH RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING SCHEME—TRAINING FOR BUILDING TRADES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement on the continuity of the training, under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, of ex-servicemen in the building trades, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme—Training for Building Trades—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
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.
12. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Conelan brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Twenty-third Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 19th January, 1948.

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1945-46.

Tariff Board—Report—Fuel Injection Equipment.

United Nations—Food and Agriculture Organization—Third Session, held at Geneva, August-September, 1947—Report of Australian Delegation.

War Gratuity—Report of the Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to review the provisions of the *War Gratuity Act* 1945-1947.

War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1946-47, together with statements and balance-sheet.

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Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

13. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 5—Commissions
of Inquiry (Papua).
14. ACOUSTIC LABORATORIES BILL 1948.—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. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted
the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence
be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting
of the House to the date of its next meeting.
Question—put and passed.
16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn
until Wednesday, the 2nd June next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 2nd June, at
three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann,
Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin,
Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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