

1948.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address-in-Reply at the Opening of the Second Session of the Eighteenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty The King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

13th October, 1948.

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO NOTICES OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notices of Motion, General Business, taking precedence of all other business this day.
Question—put and passed.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Report, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—
No. 1—Report for period 1st July, 1947, to 28th February, 1948.
No. 2—Report for year 1947-48.

Black Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 125.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 126, 128, 129.
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 8—Supply (No. 2) 1948-49.

Services Trust Funds Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 110 (substitute copy).

5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6. CLAIM OF PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Fadden moved, pursuant to notice, That it is a breach of Privilege that the Right Honorable the Leader of the Country Party should be interrogated or sought to be interrogated by Security Police at the instigation of the Prime Minister and the Government in the precincts of Parliament and in his official room in respect of matters occurring in and arising out of the discharge of his public duties in this National Parliament.

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Debate ensued.

Mr. Hutchinson moved, That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lang	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

7. OBJECTION TO DEPUTY SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That the Ruling of the Deputy Speaker—that no claim of breach of Privilege could be sustained and that a *prima facie* case had not been made out in respect of the proposed motion of Privilege submitted by the Right Honorable the Leader of the Country Party which would justify the matter taking precedence over other business—be disagreed with (*see Entry No. 4 of Votes and Proceedings, page 67*).

Debate ensued.

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, 35.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Falkinder
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward	Mr. Lang	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
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Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
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		Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1947’ , and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 14th October, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one 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. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

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