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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) 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. BIRTH OF PRINCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that His Excellency the Governor-General had received advice of the birth of a Prince to Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, on the 14th November. His Excellency had sent a Message expressing the pleasure the news had given to the Government and the people of Australia, and conveying felicitations to Their Royal Highnesses.

Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) and Sir Earle Page, by leave, made Statements associating their respective Parties with the congratulations offered.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1948.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Social Services Consolidation Act 1947', as amended by the 'Social Services Consolidation Act 1948'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 11th November, 1948.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence—R. O. D. Noone, A. T. Smith, N. A. Vickery.
Prime Minister—J. E. Richardson.
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—1948—
No. 9—Co-operative Societies.
No. 10—Customs Tariff (Papua).
No. 11—Customs Tariff (New Guinea).

6. UNITED KINGDOM GRANT 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—

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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. Burke 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 34) the Bill was read a third time.

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7. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION 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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, lines 1-4, omit “, including any Territory administered as a trust territory by Australia in pursuance of Chapter XII. of the Charter of the United Nations ”.

Clause, as amended, debated.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, lines 13 and 14, omit “ an outworker or an officer or employee of the Public Service of a Territory ; ”, insert the following paragraphs :—

“(f) an outworker ;

(g) an officer or employee of the Public Service of a Territory of the Commonwealth ; or

(h) any master, mate or engineer, or operator of the wireless telegraph installation, of a ship engaged in trade and commerce ;”.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 3, after the definition of “ outworker ” insert the following definition :—

“ ‘ Territory of the Commonwealth ’ includes a Territory administered as a trust territory by Australia in pursuance of Chapter XII. of the Charter of the United Nations ; ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5, Government Business.
9. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
10. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
11. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the following amendment was made :—

Page 5, before paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph :—

“(aa) by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the word ‘ work ’, the words ‘ or but for the operation of clause (ii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1A.) of the First Schedule to this Act ’ ;”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 16 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

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12. TUBERCULOSIS 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.

Mr. Ryan 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Bowden, Mr. Daly, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt*, Mr. Howse*, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James*, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Rosevear*, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Sheehy* and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.