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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LOSS OF AIRLINER "LUTANA"—REPORT OF AIR COURT OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the report of the Air Court of Inquiry on the accident involving the loss of the airliner "Lutana" on the 2nd September, 1948. Mr. Drakeford, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
Loss of Airliner "Lutana", 2nd September, 1948—  
(1) Report of Air Court of Inquiry, and  
(2) Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Civil Aviation regarding the Report—  
and moved, That the Papers be printed.  
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.
3. REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S MANUFACTURING ECONOMY—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—  
Brief review of Australia's manufacturing economy in the post-war period—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—  
G. P. Fullarton.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of the Interior purposes—Mt. Gambier, South Australia.  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
Regulations—  
1946—No. 6 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).  
1948—  
No. 2 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).  
No. 5 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).
5. WAR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to continue the Operation of the National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations for the purpose of the Completion of Matters arising under those Regulations.  
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. 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.

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6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
7. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Egg Export Control Act 1947*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, 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. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) 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.
9. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING 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. Anthony moved, That Mr. Lang be granted an extension of time.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) be granted an extension of time.  
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lang
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 19.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Falkinder	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hutchinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That after sub-section (1.) of proposed section 6k the following sub-sections be inserted:—

“(1A.) The Board may inquire into matters in relation to broadcasting, television and facsimile either on its own initiative or by reference from the Minister.

“(1B.) Inquiries conducted by the Board under this section shall be held in public and evidence in such inquiries shall, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, be taken in public on oath.

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“(1c.) If any witness objects to giving any evidence in public which the Board is satisfied is of a confidential nature, the Board may take such evidence in private if it considers that it is in the public interest to do so.

“(1D.) The Board shall, by advertisement published in two newspapers circulating in the State in which the inquiry is to be held, give reasonable notice of its intention to hold any inquiry under this section, the subject of the inquiry and the time and place at which the inquiry is to be held.

“(1E.) Any person who is interested in such inquiry may appear and give evidence before the Board.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-sections proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lazzarini, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lang
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Davidson	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Falstein	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Hadley	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

[*Australian Capital Territory Representation Bill 1948 [No. 2]* ]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 22.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Representation of the Australian Capital Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*United Kingdom Grant Bill 1948* ]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 23.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Ten million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Bill 1948* ]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 24.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of Prices, Rents and Land Sales Controls, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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[*States Grants Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 25.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 24th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 26.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1944', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADE MARKS BILL 1948.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 21.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Trade Marks Act 1905-1936'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) 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.

12. 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 six minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Holt\*, Mr. Howse\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies\*, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Rosevear\*, Mr. Scullin\*, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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