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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 48.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Honorable J. J. Cole, Minister for Labour and Emigration in the Government of Malta, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Immigration—D. W. Burbidge.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Sydney, New South Wales.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6 further debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

6. ILL-HEALTH OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING—POSTPONEMENT OF ROYAL VISIT—MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, informed the House that the following Message had been received by His Excellency the Governor-General from His Majesty The King with a request that it be conveyed to the people of Australia:—

“It was with very deep regret that I accepted the advice of my doctors to postpone my long-planned visit to Australia and New Zealand next year. The Queen and I have been looking forward so eagerly to renewing happy memories of twenty years ago, whilst to Princess Margaret this first sight of your two countries would have been a new and enthralling experience. We know well a wonderful welcome was being prepared for us, and that the postponement of our visit will be as sharp a disappointment to all of you as it is to us. You may be sure that I look on it only as a postponement and that, when circumstances permit, I shall make every effort to come and see you once more.

Meanwhile I wish to thank you very warmly for all the kind and sympathetic messages that are reaching me from all parts of your two countries.

GEORGE R.”

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

[*Audit Bill* 1948]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Audit Act 1901-1947’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 25th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

25th November, 1948.

[Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Bill 1948]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Egg Export Control Bill 1948]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Egg Export Control Act 1947'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—KEMIRA TUNNEL (ARBITRATION) BILL 1948.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to provide Means for the Determination of Questions which have arisen relating to the Employment of Persons in the Construction of the Kemira Tunnel in the County of Camden in the State of New South Wales, and for other purposes*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th 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.

Mr. Holloway 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.

9. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING 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 further considered.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the words "subject to any directions of the Minister" (page 5, lines 42 and 43) be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Falkinder moved, as an amendment, That after sub-section (5.) of proposed section 6k the following sub-section be inserted:—

"(6.) Before making any recommendations to the Minister under this section, the Board shall give due consideration to any recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting."

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 27 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

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10. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP 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.

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Harrison
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Beale	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. White
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Corser
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Gullett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan		

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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. 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.

C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.