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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 23.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Act 1948*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 3rd December, 1948.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Australian Wool Board—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1947–48.

Broadcasting—Composite profit and loss account of the national broadcasting service for year 1946–47.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Interior—J. W. Connolly.

Postmaster-General—W. P. Ham, R. Langevad, D. B. Molloy.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Orders—

Control of new commercial motor vehicles.

Control of new motor cars.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—

Ascot Vale, Victoria.

Cloverlea, Victoria.

Hughenden, Queensland.

Kapunda, South Australia.

Leongatha, Victoria.

Murrumbidgee, New South Wales.

Olinda, Victoria.

5. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1948.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), pursuant to leave given on the 2nd December, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lemmon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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Mr. McBride 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.

6. HIDE AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the following amendment was made:—

Page 3, lines 6-8, omit " Australian Saddlery Leather Sail Canvas Tanning Leather Dressing and Allied Workers Employees Federation ", insert " Australian Leather and Allied Trades Employees Federation ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

7. WOOL REALIZATION (DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS) 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

8. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

9. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be discharged:—
23. Acts Interpretation Bill 1948—Second reading.

Question—put and passed.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1948 [No. 2].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " An Act to amend the ' Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1947 ' ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President,

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

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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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to British Nationality and Australian Citizenship* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Hospital Benefits Act 1945–1947 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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.

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

[*Passports Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Passports Act 1938 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and other International Organizations, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*War Damage to Property Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

7th December, 1948.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“ *Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948* ”

“ *United Kingdom Grant Act 1948* ”

“ *States Grants Act 1948* ”

“ *Audit Act 1948* ”

“ *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1948* ”

“ *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1948* ”

“ *Egg Export Control Act 1948* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 6th December, 1948.

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Australian Broadcasting Act 1948* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 6th December, 1948.

15. TRADE MARKS 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.*)

Clauses 1 to 11 agreed to.

Proposed new clauses—

Mr. Beale moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 6A. Section thirty-eight of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the words ‘ not exceeding three months ’, and

(b) by omitting the words ‘ within the first period of three months ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ from time to time ’.”

Proposed new clause negatived.

Mr. Beale moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 6B. Section forty-one of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words ‘ not exceeding three months ’, and

(b) by omitting from that sub-section the words ‘ within such first mentioned three months ’.”

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Deportation of certain Aliens* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

7th and 8th December, 1948.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 7th December, 1948.

18. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 8 and 9, Government Business.
20. MENTAL INSTITUTION BENEFITS 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. Sheehy 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.

21. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS AND WORKS 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1948.

Debate continued.

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.

22. 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 five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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