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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 55.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—J. E. Schofield.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Gulnare, South Australia.
4. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1948 [No. 2].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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. Clark reported accordingly.

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

5. HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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.
6. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE 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 by Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted and re-submitted to the House of Representatives after the Minister has completed his negotiations with accredited representatives of the medical, dental and nursing professions and registered friendly societies and reported fully to the House in respect thereof".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Rankin
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Corser	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Hamilton
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Lang			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 agreed to.
 Clause 6 debated --

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated --

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the word " may " (page 4, line 37) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " shall " in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

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 Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COAL PRODUCTION (WAR-TIME) ACT REPEAL BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to provide for the repeal of the ' Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944', for the Collection of Statistics in respect of Coal, and for other purposes* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

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Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) 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.

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

[*Commonwealth Public Service Bill (No. 2) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain employees of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1948.

[*Hide and Leather Industries Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Hide and Leather Industries, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1948.

9. 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 three minutes to one o'clock in the morning, 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. Cameron, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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