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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 57.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 10th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. 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. 27.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Judges' Pensions Act 1948* ”

“ *Whaling Act 1948* ”

“ *War Service Homes Act 1948* ”

“ *Commonwealth Bank 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, 9th December, 1948.

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Social Services Consolidation Act (No. 2) 1948* ”

“ *Stevedoring Industry 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, 10th December, 1948.

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Trade Marks Act 1948* ”

“ *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1948* ”

“ *Mental Institution Benefits Act 1948* ”

“ *Acts Interpretation Act 1948* ”

“ *Coal Production (War-time) Act Repeal 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, 17th December, 1948.

9th February, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- “ Hide and Leather Industries Act 1948 ”
- “ International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1948 ”
- “ International Trade Organization Act 1948 ”
- “ War Damage to Property Act 1948 ”
- “ Commonwealth Public Service Act (No. 2) 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, 17th December, 1948.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- “ National Health Service Act 1948 ”
- “ Hospital Benefits Act 1948 ”
- “ Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 ”
- “ Aliens Deportation Act 1948 ”
- “ Passports Act 1948 ”
- “ Immigration Act 1948 ”
- “ Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) Act 1948 ”
- “ Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1948 ”
- “ Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948 ”
- “ River Murray Waters Act 1948 ”
- “ Commonwealth Aul Roads and Works Act 1948 ”
- “ Customs Tariff (No. 5) 1948 ”
- “ Excise Tariff (No. 4) 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, 21st December, 1948.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Riordan (Minister for the Navy) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Classification of Positions with Names and Salaries of Officers in the Service of the Bank as at 30th June, 1948.
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1947.
5. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—
Australian Broadcasting Act—Sixteenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1947-48—
and laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—
Australian Broadcasting Commission—Report of Committee on certain aspects of the administration.
Mr. Calwell then moved, That the Papers be printed.
Mr. Anthony 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Holt rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “ The questions of policy and administration involved in the proposed deportation of the O’Keefe family ”.
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Holt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put,
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed,

9th February, 1949.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Holt	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 2.
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—
 - No. 92—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia) and others.
 - No. 93—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 - No. 94—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 - No. 95—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 96—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 - Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 154, 165.
 - Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—B. Major.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 - Appointments—Department—
 - Attorney-General—G. H. J. Phillips.
 - Civil Aviation—G. D. Dawson, W. G. Gilchrist.
 - Commerce and Agriculture—E. S. Hoffman, I. Molnar.
 - Defence—F. M. Anderson, R. D. Botterill, A. C. Eastway, C. D. Inglis, F. S. King, K. S. Miller, K. W. Payne, K. W. Stevenson, M. T. Van Baer, J. W. Warmington, M. A. Williams.
 - Health—R. A. Rimington.
 - Interior—R. C. McBride.
 - Labour and National Service—L. E. A. G. Black, E. T. Deaner, P. E. Newell.
 - Post-war Reconstruction—H. Coppock.
 - Prime Minister—H. E. Smith.
 - Repatriation—D. J. Rae, M. S. Rogers, B. G. Thompson.
 - Social Services—L. A. Cheesman.
 - Supply and Development—J. W. Beagley, R. G. Curedale, H. A. Doyle, D. W. Keam, W. G. Morgan, J. K. Newman, W. H. Oldham, G. F. Schaeffer, R. D. Walker.
 - Treasury—W. R. C. Jay.
 - Works and Housing—G. W. Allen, J. Goldsmith, L. M. Kaberry, E. A. Keal, A. S. Perry, V. A. Rule, C. H. Smith, K. T. Wegg.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 - 1948, Nos. 157, 158.
 - 1949, No. 1.
 - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 - 1948, No. 156.
 - 1949, No. 3.
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 161, 166.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (17).
 - National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations—Orders—1948, Nos. 3, 4.
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3417–3419.
 - National Security (Tea Control) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 9 (substitute copy), 10.
 - Order—Revocation of orders made under the National Security (Food Control) Regulations.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 160, 163.
 - Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 159.
 - Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 162.
 - Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 28th October, 1948, .

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- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Banking purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.
 Defence purposes—
 Glenunga, South Australia.
 Karrakatta, Western Australia.
 Parkes, New South Wales.
 South Fremantle, Western Australia.
 Townsville, Queensland.
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Geraldton, Western Australia.
 Department of Commerce and Agriculture purposes—Albany, Western Australia.
 Postal purposes—
 Arkendeith, Queensland.
 Ashburton, Victoria.
 Auburn, Victoria.
 Bankstown, New South Wales.
 Deepwater, New South Wales.
 Elsternwick, Victoria.
 Gardenvale, Victoria.
 Kingaroy, Queensland.
 Kuranda, Queensland.
 Laverton, Victoria.
 Murrurundi, New South Wales.
 Palm Beach, New South Wales.
 Penrose, New South Wales.
 Perth, Western Australia.
 Rochedale, Queensland.
 Rushworth, Victoria.
 Saddleworth, South Australia.
 Scone, New South Wales.
 Smithton, Tasmania.
 South Brisbane, Queensland.
 Thornbury, Victoria.
 Ventnor, Victoria.
 Wetherill Park, New South Wales.
 Winton, Queensland.
 Seat of Government purposes—Oaks Estate, Australian Capital Territory.
 Telephonic purposes—Canning Bridge, Western Australia.
 Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 4.
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Regulations—1948—No. 6 (Plant Diseases Ordinance).
 Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—
 1948—
 No. 12—Barristers and Solicitors Admission.
 No. 13—Appropriation 1948-49.
 1949—No. 1—Lands' Acquisition (Town Planning).
 Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 155.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1948—
 No. 6—Liquor (No. 3).
 No. 7—Liquor (No. 4).
 No. 8—Hawkers.
 Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 164.
 Stevedoring Industry Act—Orders—1948, Nos. 32, 38, 40-43, 45, 46.

8. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—MR. EVATT (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to Australia's foreign policy and relationships, the work of the United Nations, and some of the problems of the British Commonwealth. Mr. Evatt then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 9th February, 1949—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Menzies (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. 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 twenty minutes to ten o'clock p.m., 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. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.