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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1949.

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. PAPER.—Mr. Deputy Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1947-48, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, BILINGA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the accident which occurred this morning at the Bilinga aerodrome, near Coolangatta, to a Lockheed Lodestar aircraft, operated by Queensland Airlines.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Conclan brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—  
Report relating to the proposed extensions to the City West Telephone Exchange, Melbourne.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. CASE OF EX-PRIVATE F. L. WEAVER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chambers (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of certain details of the service and civil records of ex-Private F. L. Weaver.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—  
No. 18—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.  
No. 19—Australian Journalists' Association.  
No. 20—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.  
No. 21—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Defence—M. C. McLaren,  
H. W. Rushen.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Mt. Evelyn, Victoria.
7. SHIPPING BILL 1949.—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.)*

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated—

Notice having been taken that a quorum of Members was not present—

Mr. Francis called the attention of the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) to the fact that Mr. Fuller had just left the Chamber.

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Lazzarini ruled that a Party Whip may leave the Chamber in order to secure the attendance of honorable Members.*Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Holt having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Beale	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Cameron	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Davidson	Mr. McBride
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Seamen's Compensation Act 1911-1947', and for other purposes", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th March, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to approve the placing of the Territory of New Guinea under the International Trusteeship System, to provide for the Government of the Territory of Papua and the Territory of New Guinea, and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th March, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Adermann, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Ward and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.