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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1949.

1. The House met, at three 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 Right Honorable The Earl of Listowel, United Kingdom Minister for Colonial Affairs, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ Income Tax Act 1949 ”
- “ Social Services Contribution Act 1949 ”
- “ Entertainments Tax Act 1949 ”
- “ Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1949 ”

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, 12th March, 1949.

4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Clifley (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.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Civil Aviation—R. P. Hansen, A. B. McFarlane, W. L. Milne.  
External Affairs—F. B. Cooper, R. N. Hamilton, G. M. Hooker, D. J. Horne,  
M. L. Johnston, M. McPherson, D. R. G. Packer, A. R. Parsons.  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—  
Orders—Inventions and designs (9).  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Lighthouse purposes—Cape Jaffa, South Australia.  
Postal purposes—  
Binalong, New South Wales.  
Mooroopna, Victoria.

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6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week. Question—put and passed.

7. SHIPPING BILL 1949.—On the calling on of the Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—*Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.*—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.

*Allotment of Time.*—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

(a) For the remainder of the Committee stage, until 9.45 p.m. this day.

(b) For the remaining stages, until 10 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 17—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Harrison, viz.:—That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (4.):—"Provided that no known or suspected Communist shall be appointed to any position in the service of the Board."

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hughes	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edmonds	
Mr. Falstein	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 28 agreed to.

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Clause 29—

Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, as an amendment, That after sub-clause (2.) the following sub-clause be inserted :—

“(2A.) The powers conferred on the Minister by the last two preceding sub-sections are conferred for the purpose of ensuring, in the interests of defence, that the shipbuilding industry is established in the Commonwealth on an adequate scale and is maintained in continuous operation, and, in particular, for the purpose of ensuring—

(a) the use of the labour of persons engaged in the building of ships, and of the facilities of shipbuilding yards, to the best advantage ;

(b) the adoption of standard designs of ships and of the fittings and gear of ships ;

(c) the adoption of appropriate standards, and efficient methods, of construction of ships ;

(d) the building of ships of the tonnage or design most urgently required, in priority to the building of other ships ; and

(e) economy in the cost of construction of ships and of the fittings and gear of ships,

and those powers shall not be exercised otherwise than for achieving one or other of the purposes specified in this sub-section.”.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dedman addressing the Committee—

*Closure of Member moved.*—Mr. Harrison moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Abbott  
Mr. Adermann  
Mr. Beale  
Mr. Bowden  
Mr. Cameron  
Mr. Davidson  
Mr. Gullett  
Mr. Harrison  
Mr. Holt  
Mr. Howse

Mr. Hutchinson  
Dame Enid Lyons  
Mr. Menzies  
Mr. Spender  
Mr. Turnbull

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

Mr. Barnard  
Mr. Beazley  
Mrs. Blackburn  
Mr. Brennan  
Mr. Calwell  
Mr. Chambers  
Mr. Chifley  
Mr. Clark  
Mr. Conelan  
Mr. Daly  
Mr. Dedman  
Mr. Drakeford  
Mr. Duthie  
Mr. Falstein  
Mr. Fraser  
Mr. Haylen  
Mr. Johnson

Mr. Lang  
Mr. Langtry  
Mr. Lawson  
Mr. Lazzarini  
Mr. McLeod  
Mr. Mulcahy  
Mr. O'Connor  
Mr. Pollard  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Russell  
Mr. Scully  
Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage had expired—

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Barnard  
Mr. Beazley  
Mrs. Blackburn  
Mr. Brennan  
Mr. Calwell  
Mr. Chambers  
Mr. Chifley  
Mr. Clark  
Mr. Conelan  
Mr. Daly  
Mr. Dedman  
Mr. Drakeford  
Mr. Duthie  
Mr. Falstein  
Mr. Fraser  
Mr. Haylen  
Mr. Johnson

Mr. Lang  
Mr. Langtry  
Mr. Lawson  
Mr. Lazzarini  
Mr. McLeod  
Mr. Mulcahy  
Mr. O'Connor  
Mr. Pollard  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Russell  
Mr. Scully  
Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Abbott  
Mr. Adermann  
Mr. Beale  
Mr. Cameron  
Mr. Davidson  
Mr. Gullett  
Mr. Harrison  
Mr. Holt  
Mr. Howse

Mr. Hutchinson  
Dame Enid Lyons  
Mr. Menzies  
Mr. Spender  
Mr. Turnbull

*Tellers:*

Mr. Bowden  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the clause, as amended, and the remainder of the Bill be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with an amendment—put.

15th and 16th March, 1949.

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Davidson	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Howse	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At ten o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Howse	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1949.—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.

Mr. Blain 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. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

### WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1949.

Debate continued.

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. Anthony, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Ward, Mr. White and Mr. Williams.

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