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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 95.

THURSDAY, 16TH JUNE, 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Rankin (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of a multi-story block and associated buildings at the Macleod Repatriation Tubercular Sanatorium, Melbourne.
3. PETROL FROM BAHREIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding offers of so-called sterling petrol from Bahrein.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Repatriation—Medical Services—Summary of recommendations made by Special Advisory Committee, dated 19th November, 1946.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—R. H. Brockman.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—Byford, Western Australia.
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Llanherne, Tasmania.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—
1948—
No. 2—Licensing.
No. 3—Medical Benefits and Hospitals.
No. 6—Stamp.
No. 8—Licensing (No. 2).
No. 9—Licensing (No. 3).
1949—No. 3—Matrimonial Causes.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at East Bentleigh, Victoria.
5. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1949-50.—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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.
Schedule debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 280) the Bill was read a third time.

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6. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION 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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy 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. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 281) the Bill was read a third time.

7. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 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.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Rankin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
8. IMMIGRATION 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. Daly 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1941'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th June, 1949.

Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-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.

10. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 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. McLeod 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.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Abbott, Mr. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Spender.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.