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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 99.

THURSDAY, 23RD 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 on the re-submission of the proposed erection of the Batman Automatic Telephone Exchange, Flinders-lane, Melbourne.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Report to General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1947-48.
New Guinea—Report to General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1947-48.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (6).
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—West Ryde, New South Wales.
4. SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Daly | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Sheehy |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Fraser | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Hadley | |
| Mr. Haylen | |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. Johnson | |
| Mr. Langtry | |

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

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| Mr. Adermann | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Menzies |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Gullett | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hamilton | |
| Mr. Howse | |
| Mr. Hughes | |
| Mr. Hutchinson | |
| Mr. Lang | |

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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5. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER 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.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8—

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the words “two Associate Commissioners, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor-General” (page 3, lines 1 and 2) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“three Associate Commissioners who shall be appointed by the Governor of New South Wales, the Governor of Victoria and the Governor of South Australia, respectively”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 21.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Holloway |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Johnson |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Daly | Mr. Sheehy |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Edmonds | |
| Mr. Fraser | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hadley | Mr. Fuller |
| Mr. Haylen | Mr. Sheehan |

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Beale | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. White |
| Mr. Francis | |
| Mr. Hamilton | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. McBride | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 19 agreed to.

Clause 20—

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause:—

“(d) grant compensation for such land, to be paid for at present day values, plus a minimum of twenty per centum, for forced resumption, within twelve months of entry”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clause 22—

Mr. Beale moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (4.):—

“Provided that the Minister is satisfied that the person proposed to be appointed is not a Communist or a person likely to act in any way inimical to the interests of the Commonwealth.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 23 and 24 agreed to.

Clause 25—

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after “Treasurer” (page 7, line 34) the words “and with the sanction of an appropriation by the Parliament” be added.

Debate ensued.

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

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

| Ayes, 21. | | Noes, 34. | |
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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. McEwen | Mr. Barnard | Mr. Johnson |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Menzies | Mr. Beazley | Mr. Lang |
| Mr. Beale | Sir Earle Page | Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. Langtry |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Ryan | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Spender | Mr. Calwell | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Turnbull | Mr. Chambers | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. White | Mr. Chifley | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Francis | | Mr. Clark | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Hamilton | | Mr. Conelan | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers:</i> | Mr. Daly | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Corser | Mr. Dedman | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. McBride | Mr. McDonald | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| | | Mr. Duthie | Mr. Watkins |
| | | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Williams |
| | | Mr. Fraser | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| | | Mr. Hadley | Mr. Fuller |
| | | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Sheehan |
| | | Mr. Holloway | |

And so it was negatived.
 Clause agreed to.
 Clauses 26 to 31 agreed to.
 Clause 32 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 33 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 34 to 41 agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1948 ' , and for other purposes* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 23rd June, 1949.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 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. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL (No. 2) 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the provisions of the ' Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947 ' , as amended by the ' Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1949 ' , relating to the writing of Prescriptions by Medical Practitioners* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 23rd June, 1949.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

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Mr. Holloway asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1949–50.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 23rd June, 1949.

9. 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. Lang 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to 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. Abbott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

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