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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

FRIDAY, 1ST JULY, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MULTI-STORY BLOCK AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS AT MACLEOD REPATRIATION TUBERCULAR SANATORIUM, MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—Erection of a multi-story block and associated buildings at the Macleod Repatriation Tubercular Sanatorium, Melbourne.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—OFFICE BUILDING FOR COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS, HOBART.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—Erection of an Office Building to house Commonwealth Departments in Hobart.  
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
4. LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. McDonald 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.
5. LIQUID FUEL (DEFENCE STOCKS) BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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.
6. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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.)

Clause 1—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948*.

Canberra, 28th June, 1949.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948*.

Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, by leave, was adopted by the House.

8. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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 again 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. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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—

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. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock noon, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Scully and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.