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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 106.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
 Beerwah, Queensland.
 Harden, New South Wales.
 Learmonth, Victoria.
 Victoria Park, Western Australia.
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1949—No. 5—Public Service.
4. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY 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. 48.

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 provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes, extending beyond the limits of any one State, in connexion with Stevedoring Operations; to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with, and to regulate and control the Performance of, Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States; and for other purposes.

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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 representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes, extending beyond the limits of any one State, in connexion with Stevedoring Operations; to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with, and to regulate and control the Performance of, Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States; and for other purposes.

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.

6. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY 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.*)

Clauses 1 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 31, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 32 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 55 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to move, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted so as to provide for the insertion in the rules of registered organizations of provisions for the secret ballot in the election of office-bearers and also in respect of voting on proposals for stoppages of work"—

Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that such an amendment would not be in order as it was outside the terms of the specific proposals set forth in the long Title of the Bill.

Dissent from Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Menzies handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling:—"That the Ruling of the Deputy Speaker—that the proposed amendment of the Right Honorable the Leader of the Opposition to the motion for the second reading of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill was outside the terms of the Bill—be disagreed with.

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.

Debate on motion continued.

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.

Clause 6—

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-section (2.) of proposed section 96B:—"and may of his own motion and without any need for an application under the last preceding section, refer to the Court for inquiry any matter in which he is of the opinion an irregularity may have taken place".

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, 22.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lang
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Evatt	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.
 Clause agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. CENSUS AND STATISTICS 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. Sheehan 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. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Genocide Convention Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve of Ratification by Australia of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,
 President.

[*Whaling Industry Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Establishment of an Australian Whaling Commission and for the carrying on by the Commission of Whaling Activities in certain Waters, and of Activities incidental thereto*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

And then the House, at nine 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. Adermann, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.