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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 135.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 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 SITTING.—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. GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the dates in connexion with the General Elections for the House of Representatives to be held on the 10th December, and announced that the Senate elections would be held on that day.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Second Annual Report by Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.
Science and Industry Research Act—First Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, for year 1948-49.
Severally ordered to be printed.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence—J. P. Buckley.
Treasury—D. A. Davey, S. E. Whicker.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND GRANT 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. 68.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Five hundred thousand pounds as a Grant to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Canberra, 24th October, 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. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Five hundred thousand pounds as a Grant to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Mr. Evatt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

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Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Evatt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt and Mr. Holloway do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Evatt then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Evatt moved, 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. CONSTRUCTION OF WHARF AT DARWIN—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:—The construction of a new wharf at Darwin.

Question—put and passed.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 7th September, 1949 (pages 377-9).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Pollard moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 7th September, 1949 (page 379).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Pollard moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment of the 7th September, 1949 (pages 379–80).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Pollard moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

12. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1948 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 12th October, 1949 (pages 426–7).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

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Mr. Pollard moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) 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. Ryan reported accordingly.

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) 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. 69.

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 make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in respect of the cost of Long Service Leave granted under Industrial Awards to Employees in the Coal Mining Industry.

Canberra, 19th October, 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 make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in respect of the cost of Long Service Leave granted under Industrial Awards to Employees in the Coal Mining Industry.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

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17. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini 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.

18. COAL EXCISE 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. Lazzarini 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.

19. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 20th October, 1949 (page 448).]
The motion previously moved by Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) was agreed to.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Dedman moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Holloway do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

20. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (NO. 2) 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) then brought up a Bill intituled “ A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, 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. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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21. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1949 [No. 2].—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the following amendments were made:—

Page 2, line 3, after "males" insert "(that is to say, that wage, or that part of a wage, which is just and reasonable for an adult male, without regard to any circumstance pertaining to the work upon which, or the industry in which, he is employed)".

Page 2, line 7, after "females" insert "(that is to say, that wage, or that part of a wage, which is just and reasonable for an adult female, without regard to any circumstance pertaining to the work upon which, or the industry in which, she is employed)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following amendments were made:—

Page 2, line 10, after "males" insert "(that is to say, that wage, or that part of a wage, which is just and reasonable for an adult male, without regard to any circumstance pertaining to the work upon which, or the industry in which, he is employed)".

Page 2, line 14, after "females" insert "(that is to say, that wage, or that part of a wage, which is just and reasonable for an adult female, without regard to any circumstance pertaining to the work upon which, or the industry in which, she is employed)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. RAILWAY STANDARDIZATION (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 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.

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. Ward (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. COAL INDUSTRY (TASMANIA) BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel), pursuant to leave given on the 18th October, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide means for Securing and Maintaining adequate Supplies of Coal to assist in meeting the need for that commodity throughout Australia and for providing for the Regulation and Improvement of the Coal Industry in the State of Tasmania, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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 a later hour this day.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Health Service Act 1948'*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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.

Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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 a later hour this day.

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25. LIQUID FUEL (RATIONING) 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. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.
26. CHRISTMAS ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL 1949.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution on behalf of the Government of Australia of an Agreement with the Government of New Zealand relating to certain Rights vested in those Governments jointly in connexion with Phosphate Deposits on Christmas Island, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Ward then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Ward 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Ward, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to approve an Agreement amending the Agreement approved by the ‘Sugar Agreement Act 1946’, as amended by the Agreement approved by the ‘Sugar Agreement Act 1947’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Davidson 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.

28. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill 1949–50]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 104.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

[Customs Bill 1949]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 105.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Customs Act 1901–1947’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

[Excise Bill 1949]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 106.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Excise Act 1901–1947’, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

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[*Commonwealth Electoral Bill (No. 2) 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1948 ’, as amended by the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1949 ’, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Northern Territory (Administration) Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910–1947 ’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Watkins.

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