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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 136.

THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> 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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Daly, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Aluminium Industry Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, for year 1948-49.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1948-49.

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1947-48.

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1947-48.

F. M. DALY,  
Chairman.

26th October, 1949.

Mr. Daly moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

3. DAIRYING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the Dairying Industry, and announced the form of assistance which the Government had decided to grant to the industry.  
Mr. McEwen, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.  
Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) asked leave to make a Statement on the subject. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1948-49.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—J. H. Little.  
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 78.  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (16).  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 80.  
High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 79.

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International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Agreement, for year 1948-49.  
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of portion of Alice Springs Aboriginal Reserve.  
 Social Services Consolidation Act—Report by the Director-General of Social Services for year 1948-49.

5. 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.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Fuller

Noes, 16.

Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 4, line 36, omit "and" (last occurring).

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 4, after paragraph (c) of sub-clause (1.) add the following word and paragraph :—

" ; and (d) matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act."

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 4, lines 43-45, omit sub-clause (2.), insert the following sub-clauses :—

"(2.) The regulations may make provision for an appeal to the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth, constituted by a single judge of that court, against the suspension or revocation of a licence granted under the regulations, and the decision of the court, as so constituted, upon any such appeal shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

"(3.) For the purpose of the last preceding sub-section the regulations may make provision for investing the Supreme Court of a State with federal jurisdiction, and for conferring jurisdiction on the Supreme Court of a Territory of the Commonwealth."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

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

Page 6, line 9, omit "this section", insert "the last preceding sub-section".

Page 6, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clause :—

"(2A.) Where the law of a State relating to the distribution or rationing of liquid fuel provides for an appeal to the Supreme Court of the State against the suspension or revocation of a licence granted under that law, the decision of that court shall be final and not subject to appeal to any other court."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13—

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

Page 6, line 16, after "may" insert "after consultation between the Prime Minister and the Premier of the State concerned".

Page 6, line 20, omit "The", insert "After consultation between the Prime Minister and the Premier of the State concerned, the".

Page 6, line 29, after "notice" add "(including its operation in respect of any period prior to the date specified in the declaration)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the word "August" (page 6, line 39) be omitted and the word "January" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Evatt	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Conelan
		Mr. Langtry	Mr. Fuller

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946–1948’ , and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, after clause 8, insert the following new clause :—

“ 8A.—(1.) A person to whom this section applies shall not, directly or indirectly, *Secrecy.* communicate or divulge any information to which this section applies.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months.

“ (2.) Nothing in the last preceding sub-section prohibits—

(a) a person, whenever the Minister declares that it is necessary or desirable in the interests of justice so to do—

(i) from communicating to the Attorney-General of a State information which makes it appear that a person has committed, or is suspected of having committed, or is about to commit, an offence against a law of that State relating to secret commissions ; or

(ii) from producing to the Attorney-General of a State, for use in connexion with a prosecution of a person for any such offence, any documents, books or papers containing any such information ;

(b) the communication to the Commissioner of Taxation or a Deputy Commissioner of Taxation of information for the purpose of the administration of any law of the Commonwealth relating to taxation ; or

(c) the communication to the Tariff Board constituted under the *Tariff Board Act 1921–1947* of information relating to a matter in respect of which an inquiry is being held by the Tariff Board.

“ (3.) Where the Minister declares that he is satisfied that a law of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth makes adequate provision for the preservation of the secrecy of information communicated to an authority or officer exercising powers and functions in relation to the control of prices and rates of goods or services in that State or Territory, nothing in this section prohibits a person thereto authorized by the Minister from communicating information to such an authority or officer.

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"(4.) A person to whom this section applies shall, if so required by the Minister or by an officer appointed by him to act under this sub-section, sign a declaration, in accordance with a form approved by the Minister, that he will not unlawfully communicate any information to which this section applies.

"(5.) In this section—

- 'information to which this section applies' means information obtained by the Commonwealth for the purposes of the Prices Regulations;
- 'person to whom this section applies' means any person who at any time exercised any power or performed any duty under or in relation to the Prices Regulations, and includes any person who is, or has at any time been, employed by the Commonwealth and possesses any information to which this section applies;
- 'the Minister' means the Minister of State for Trade and Customs;
- 'the Prices Regulations' means any Regulations having the title National Security (Prices) Regulations in force at any time under the *National Security Act 1939* or under the *Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946*, or under either of those Acts as amended."

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the Amendment was agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report.

7. COAL INDUSTRY (TASMANIA) 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 representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE 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.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Langtry	
Mr. Lawson	

Tellers:

Mr. Conelan  
Mr. Fuller

Noes, 15.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hughes	
Sir Earle Page	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 debated—

Closure moved.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Sir Earle Page	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Rankin	
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Edmonds	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Daly		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lawson			

There not being the number of Ayes requisite in accordance with the Standing Order, the Temporary Chairman announced that the motion for the closure had not been carried.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

9. SUGAR 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COAL EXCISE BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 131.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Excise on Coal* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th 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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 4, clause 24, lines 5 to 10, leave out sub-clause (2.), insert the following sub-clause :—

“(2.) Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding sub-section, the Collector may accept a deposit of money, or a guarantee, in respect of the duty on coal to be produced during a period approved by the Collector, and removal may be made during that period, without entry, of coal the duty on which does not exceed the amount of the deposit or guarantee.”

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report.

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

[*States Grants (Coal Strike Emergency) Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

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 purpose of Financial Assistance to the States by reason of the losses and costs incurred by the States as a result of the Coal Strike* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of Prices, Rents and Land Sales Controls, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*United Kingdom Grant Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Ten million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1948 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the following Bills :—

- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;
- “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1946 ’* ” ;

and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Entertainments Tax Bill (No. 2) 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Entertainments Tax Act 1942–1946 ’, as amended by the ‘ Entertainments Tax Act 1949 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Stevedoring Industry Charge Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

27th October, 1949.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1948'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947-1948'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*States Grants Bill (No. 2) 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Temple Society Trust Fund Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to establish a Trust Fund of certain Moneys received by the Government of the Commonwealth from the Government of the United Kingdom, being Moneys representing Proceeds of the Realization of Assets of the Temple Society, of Members of that Society and of certain other persons, and to provide for the Administration and Application of the Fund*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Defence Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1948', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Naval Defence Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Naval Defence Act 1910-1948'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 123.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States of Queensland and Western Australia for the purpose of encouraging the Development of Meat Production by the Provision of Improved Roads and other Facilities for the Movement of Live-stock*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

27th October, 1949.

[*United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Grant Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 125.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Excise Tariff Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1948'* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 130.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Railway Standardization (South Australia) Agreement Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 132.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, in relation to the Standardization of certain Railways, to approve of the Raising of Loans for Defence Purposes (namely, the Standardization of those Railways), and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Excise Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 133.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.



27th October, 1949.

## [Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (No. 2) 1949 [No. 2]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 134.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to declare that the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration is empowered to determine a Basic Wage for Adult Females, and for purposes related thereto", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

## [Christmas Island Agreement Bill 1949]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 135.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

## [Coal Industry (Tasmania) Bill 1949]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 136.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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## 12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Postal purposes—

Mundaring, Western Australia.

The Junction, New South Wales.

## 13. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

## 14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIQUID FUEL (RATIONING) BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 137.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "An Act to ensure, so far as Commonwealth Legislative Power permits, a just and orderly Sharing of Liquid Fuel amongst the People of Australia while such Fuel is in short supply, and for other purposes".

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## 15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Burke, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Watkins.

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

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## MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 27th October, 1949.

### ASSENT TO BILLS.

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

*Message No. 70.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Appropriation Act 1949-50* ”
- “ *Appropriation (Works and Services) Act 1949-50* ”
- “ *Representation Act 1949* ”
- “ *Customs Act 1949* ”
- “ *Excise Act 1949* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Electoral Act (No. 2) 1949* ”
- “ *States Grants (Coal Strike Emergency) Act 1949* ”
- “ *States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Act 1949* ”
- “ *United Kingdom Grant Act 1949* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

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Canberra, 27th October, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

*Message No. 71.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Liquid Fuel (Rationing) Act 1949* ”
- “ *Sugar Agreement Act 1949* ”
- “ *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1949* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1949* ”
- “ *Entertainments Tax Act (No. 2) 1949* ”
- “ *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1949* ”
- “ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1949* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1949* ”
- “ *States Grants Act (No. 2) 1949* ”
- “ *Temple Society Trust Fund Act 1949* ”
- “ *Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1949* ”
- “ *Defence Act 1949* ”
- “ *Naval Defence Act 1949* ”
- “ *Loan (Housing) Act 1949* ”
- “ *States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Act 1949* ”
- “ *United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Grant Act 1949* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff 1949* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff 1949* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1949* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1949* ”
- “ *States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949* ”
- “ *Coal Excise Act 1949* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1949* ”
- “ *Railway Standardization (South Australia) Agreement Act 1949* ”
- “ *Coal Industry (Tasmania) Act 1949* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 28th October, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 72.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *National Health Service Act 1949* ”

“ *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act (No. 2) 1949* ”

“ *Christmas Island Agreement Act 1949* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 29th October, 1949.

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