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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MELBOURNE CARGO FOR STRAHAN, TASMANIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to cargo offering at Melbourne for ships running to Strahan, Tasmania.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
National Development—R. Inglis, R. C. T. Riddell.
Treasury—W. L. Davies, J. A. Howard.
Works and Housing—H. J. D. Garrett.
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) for the nine months ended 31st March, 1950, together with financial accounts.
4. WOOL SALES DEDUCTION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Collection and Recovery of Amounts payable under the *Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950*, and the *Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 2) 1950*, and for the Application of those Amounts.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Pollard 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSIONS TO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, LISMORE, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Casey (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 :—The proposed extensions to the Telephone Exchange building at Lismore, New South Wales.
Mr. Casey having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Mr. Griffiths proposing to move, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—
“ and such other proposed extensions included in the programme prepared by the Postmaster-General's Department for increased post office facilities in every part of Australia.”—
Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that such an amendment would be out of order as it was not relevant to the motion.
Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Calwell having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.
Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

AYES, 35.				
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lazzarini		
NOES, 58.				
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar	

And so it was negatived.

Closure.—Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 59.				
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson	
NOES, 37.				
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—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.

Distinguished Visitor.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that His Royal Highness Tungi, the Crown Prince and Premier of Tonga, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Debate continued.

Point of Order.—Mr. Thompson raised a Point of Order that the honorable Member for Mackellar was not in order in discussing a matter which had been debated under a Bill before the House in the same Session.

Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the remarks of the honorable Member were relevant.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Thompson having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

AYES, 31.				
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly

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NOES, 58.

Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson	
	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar	

And so it was negatived.

Debate on motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Wentworth be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. McMahon 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT BILL 1950.—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. 22.

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 increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices.

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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. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Mr. Fadden 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.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Evatt 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.

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

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1950—

No. 18—Ordinances Revision.

No. 19—Administration Contracts.

No. 20—Supply (No. 2) 1950-51.

No. 21—Commerce (Trade Descriptions).

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—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. Ryan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950 [No. 2].—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Dissolution of the Australian Communist Party and of other Communist Organizations, to disqualify Communists from holding certain Offices, and for purposes connected therewith*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 19th October, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure of Member.—Mr. McColm moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 50.

Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Handby	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 19.

Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Muleahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. G. Anderson, Mr. Beazley, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Eggins, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Freeth, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Kent Hughes, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. McEwen, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Spender, Mr. Townley and Mr. B. M. Wight.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.