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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 69.
  - Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 70.
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—B. J. Lawrence.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
    - Department of Trade and Customs purposes—Waikerie, South Australia.
    - Postal purposes—Lilydale, Victoria.
  - Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 71.
  - Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 68.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), for Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL WELFARE FUND 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. 26.*

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943-1945* and to repeal certain provisions of the *National Welfare Fund Act 1945*.

Canberra, 18th October, 1950.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943-1945* and to repeal certain provisions of the *National Welfare Fund Act 1945*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden 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. Anthony do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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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. Chifley (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.

5. STATES GRANTS BILL 1950.—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.

6. STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1950.—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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bate, Mr. Bostock, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. A. G. Cameron\*, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison\*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons\*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. E. H. D. Russell\*, Mr. Spender\*, Mr. Timson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. B. M. Wight.

\* On leave.

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