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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 84.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1951.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 8th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

*Message No. 47.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1950*" 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 Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 12th December, 1950.

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

*Message No. 48.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Appropriation Act 1950-51*"

"*Appropriation (Works and Services) Act 1950-51*"

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, 13th December, 1950.

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

*Message No. 49.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1950*"

"*Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1950*"

"*Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1950*"

"*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1950*"

"*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1950*"

"*Wheat Industry Stabilization (Refund of Charge) Act 1950*"

"*Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Act 1950*"

"*National Welfare Fund Act 1950*"

"*Superphosphate Bounty Act Repeal Act 1950*"

"*Flax Canvas Bounty Act 1950*"

"*Wool Products Bounty Act 1950*"

"*Customs Act 1950*"

"*Tractor Bounty Act 1950*"

"*Nationality and Citizenship Act 1950*"

"*Customs Tariff (Export Duties) Act 1950*"

"*Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1950*"

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- "Excise Tariff 1950"  
 "Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1950"  
 "Egg Export Control Act 1950"  
 "States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Act 1950"  
 "Life Insurance Act 1950"  
 "States Grants (Imported Houses) Act 1950"  
 "Services Trust Funds Act 1950"  
 "Port Augusta to Alice Springs Railway (Alteration of Route) Act 1950"  
 "Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act (No. 2) 1950"  
 "Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1A) 1950"  
 "Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2A) 1950"  
 "States Grants (Milk for School Children) Act 1950"

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, 14th December, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 50.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- "Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950"  
 "Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Act 1950"  
 "Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield Railway Act 1950"  
 "Superannuation Act 1950"

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, 15th December, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- "Commonwealth Railways Act 1950"  
 "Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1950"  
 "Interim Forces Benefits Act 1950"  
 "Statute Law Revision Act 1950"

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, 16th December, 1950.

3. RESIGNATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced to the House that Dame Enid Lyons had resigned as Vice-President of the Executive Council, on the ground of ill health.

Mr. Menzies informed the House that he would act as Vice-President of the Executive Council.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1) Invitation from the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe to send observers to the Third Session of the Assembly, to be held at Strasbourg in May, and
- (2) Letter from the President of the Knesset (Parliament of Israel), together with Resolution adopted by the Knesset on the 10th January, concerning the proposed rearmament of Germany.

5. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that action be taken to secure by a referendum of the people an extension of the Commonwealth's constitutional powers to enable the passing of legislation by the Commonwealth Parliament to control prices, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Clark, from certain electors of the Broken Hill Sub-divisions of the Electorate of Darling.  
By Mr. James, from certain electors of the Electorate of Hunter and coal-mining areas in and adjacent to that electorate.

By Mr. Sheehan, from certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions severally received and read.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

- Tariff Board—Reports—  
Dredging and Excavating Machinery.  
Drums.  
Silvered Crystal Reflectors.  
Smoking Pipes.  
Timber.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—  
 Nos. 78, 79 and 80—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.  
 No. 81—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.  
 No. 82—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others.  
 No. 83—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
 No. 84—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.  
 No. 85—Musicians' Union of Australia.  
 No. 86—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.  
 No. 87—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 88—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.  
 No. 89—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.  
 No. 90—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 91—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 92—Hotel, Club, Restaurant and Caterers Employees' Union of New South Wales; and Federated Liquor and Allied Trades Employees' Union of Australasia.  
 No. 93—Commonwealth Foremen's Association and others.  
 No. 94—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 95—Australian Workers' Union and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 96—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.  
 No. 97—Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 98—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 99—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
 No. 100—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.  
 No. 101—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 102—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.  
 No. 103—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- Australian National Airlines Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 98.  
 Australian National University Act—Statutes—  
 No. 1—Interpretation.  
 No. 2—Elections (Members of Council).  
 No. 3—Convocation.  
 No. 4—Board of Graduate Studies.
- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 96.  
 Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 89.  
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificates—H. T. Banks, G. M. Macfarlane.  
 Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 2.  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—  
 Appointments—Department—  
 Air—J. M. Tinney.  
 Civil Aviation—P. B. Blair, W. A. Brown, R. F. J. Caleo, T. L. M. Connell, J. H. Gerrand, J. Graham, C. R. Jacobson, W. S. Joyner, J. M. Mahar, W. Moir, N. C. Riddiford, E. C. J. Snell, J. J. Waters, S. Wilson.  
 Defence—J. G. Radford.  
 Interior—R. J. Slinn.  
 Labour and National Service—P. M. Gwillim, E. J. Tonkin.  
 National Development—R. Cornell, G. A. Joplin, W. S. Lowe, A. A. Robertson, J. E. Thompson.  
 Parliamentary Library—A. E. Turner.  
 Postmaster-General—S. W. Brooks, R. C. Cameron, R. A. Clark, J. A. de Jong, G. K. Howard, B. D. Livingstone, R. L. McGowan, A. E. S. Owen, C. W. Pike, H. J. E. Reed, J. F. Saunders, J. Swift, J. M. Warner.  
 Repatriation—P. A. D. Foote, T. Godlee, M. A. Hopkins.  
 Supply—R. S. Davie, R. H. Evans, J. S. Mappin, W. F. Miles, J. G. Piisk, S. J. Wookey.  
 Trade and Customs—O. E. Britten, B. D. Burrage, J. E. F. de Freitas, J. F. Hayes, P. B. Hough, R. C. Jones, W. A. Klose, L. Martin, E. A. Mawdsley, I. T. Poole, L. P. Ross.  
 Treasury—R. A. Ruttle.  
 Works and Housing—T. C. Brockington, T. W. Morley, D. S. Murray
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 88, 99, 100.  
 Commonwealth Railways Act—Annual Report for year 1949–50.  
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 1.  
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—  
 Orders—Inventions and designs (7).  
 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 101.  
 Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 97.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—  
 Defence purposes—  
 Anglesea, Victoria.  
 Banyo, Queensland.  
 Bullsbrook (Pearce), Western Australia.  
 Wacol, Queensland.

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- Department of Civil Aviation purposes—  
 Archerfield, Queensland.  
 Carnarvon, Western Australia (2).  
 Flinders Island (Pats River), Tasmania.  
 Kempsey, New South Wales.  
 Maryborough, Queensland.  
 Normanton, Queensland.  
 Onslow, Western Australia.  
 Wynyard, Tasmania.
- Department of Trade and Customs purposes—Griffith, New South Wales.  
 Immigration purposes—Launceston, Tasmania.
- Postal purposes—  
 Ascot, Queensland.  
 Bolgart, Western Australia.  
 Brookfield, Queensland.  
 Carlton South, Victoria.  
 Crystal Brook, South Australia.  
 Gawler East, South Australia.  
 Griffith, New South Wales.  
 Lakemba, New South Wales.  
 Lameroo, South Australia.  
 Long Jetty, New South Wales.  
 Longreach, Queensland.  
 Minnivale, Western Australia.  
 Mornington, Victoria.  
 Mt. Gravatt, Queensland.  
 Mullumbimby, New South Wales.  
 Ororoo, South Australia.  
 Riverton, South Australia.  
 Romsey, Victoria.  
 Rose Bay, New South Wales.  
 Sassafras, Victoria.  
 Tantanoola, South Australia.  
 Two Wells, South Australia.
- Telephonic purposes—Longreach, Queensland.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 90.  
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1950—No. 3—Lunacy.  
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1950—  
 No. 13—Licensing Court Proceedings Validating.  
 No. 14—Crown Lands.
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1950—  
 No. 27—Statutory Declarations.  
 No. 28—Motor Traffic.  
 No. 29—Insolvency (Papua).  
 No. 30—Insolvency (New Guinea).  
 No. 31—Dangerous Drugs (Papua).  
 No. 32—Liquor (Papua).  
 No. 33—Liquor (New Guinea).  
 No. 34—Appropriation 1950–51.  
 No. 35—Gaming (Papua).  
 No. 36—Gaming (New Guinea).  
 No. 37—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Papua).  
 No. 38—Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (New Guinea).  
 No. 39—Legitimation (New Guinea).  
 No. 40—Public Service Ordinances Repeal.  
 No. 41—Native Children.  
 No. 42—Part-Native Children.  
 No. 43—Australian Lutheran Mission Property.  
 No. 44—Explosives (New Guinea).  
 No. 45—Supply Ordinance Operation.  
 No. 46—Sea-Carriage of Goods (Papua).  
 No. 47—Weights and Measures (New Guinea).  
 No. 48—Native Labour.  
 No. 49—Ordinances Interpretation.
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 94.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 91–3.  
 Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
 1950, No. 95.  
 1951, No. 3.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report for year 1949–50.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinances—  
 1950—  
 No. 14—Co-operative Trading Societies.  
 No. 15—Companies (Unclaimed Assets and Moneys).

No. 16—Administration and Probate.  
No. 17—Apprenticeship.  
No. 18—City Area Leases.

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No. 1—Liquor (Renewal of Licences).

Regulations—1950—

No. 7 (Machinery Ordinance).  
No. 8 (Apprenticeship Ordinance).  
No. 9 (Police Ordinance).  
No. 10 (Police Superannuation Ordinance).

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Villawood, New South Wales.

Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 102.

7. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1951.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1950*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of 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.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At three minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

8. PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, LONDON, 1951—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Conference of Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth held in London in January, and on matters associated with that Conference. Mr. Menzies informed the House of the Government's views on certain international questions and on the need for planning Australia's capacity to resist aggression. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Prime Ministers' Conference, London, 1951—

(a) Ministerial Statement, and

(b) Declaration by Prime Ministers—

and moved, That the Ministerial Statement be printed.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Chifley from continuing his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to ten 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. Drummond, Mr. Eiggins, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Townley and Mr. Wheeler.

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