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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 46.

FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fuller presented a petition from certain poultry farmers and other primary producers in the Electorate of Hume praying that the House direct the extension of the subsidizing of the new price of stockfeed wheat to all primary production dependent on such wheat for existence. Petition received and read.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 34.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Repatriation Act 1951*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 21st November, 1951.

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 35.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Wheat Industry Stabilization (Refund of Charge) Act 1951*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 22nd November, 1951.

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

[*Appropriation Bill 1951-52*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

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-two, 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 requests.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd November, 1951, a.m.

[*Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill 1951-52*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

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-two, 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.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd November, 1951, a.m.

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5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Pollard proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The problem of food production in Australia; and in particular the failure of the Government to formulate an effective policy to stimulate food production; the acute shortage of certain vital foods; the threatening calamity resulting from the decline in the production of food; and the necessity to stimulate food production for defence, for the increase of food exports, and to meet obligations to the United Kingdom and South-East Asia"—Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Pollard moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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, 57.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean			Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 38.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bate	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 36.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	

NOES, 58.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

6. CUSTOMS BILL 1951.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901-1950*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Seed Cotton* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

9. DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Evatt (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.

10. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1951.—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 Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1951.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1951.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*.

Canberra, 20th November, 1951.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for the Navy) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

13. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past five o'clock p.m., 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. Bostock, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Drury, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.