

1951.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COAL INDUSTRY ACT—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the proposals of the Government to amend the Coal Industry Act, and informed the House that a draft copy of the Bill had been sent to the Government of New South Wales on 12th November.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement concerning the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Bland, New South Wales.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1951—No. 6—Norfolk Island Public Hall.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Postmaster-General—E. A. P. George, G. R. M. Grant, J. F. Hamilton, W. J. Laurie,
L. Matveyeff, G. G. Reed, F. W. Smith, V. S. Thompson.
Repatriation—G. E. McDonald.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
5. OWNERSHIP OF COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATIONS.—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any person not an Australian should have any substantial measure of ownership or control over any Australian commercial broadcasting station, whether such ownership or control be exercisable directly or indirectly.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.
Ordered—That the time for the debate be extended.
Debate continued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Wilson moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64.

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

NOES, 39.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bifd	Mr. Crémean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 40.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DAIRY RESEARCH LABORATORY AT HIGHTETT, VICTORIA.—Mr. Kent Hughes (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 erection of a building at Hightett, Victoria, for a Dairy Research Laboratory.
Mr. Kent Hughes laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1949'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1951.

Mr. Beale (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Beale 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.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment:—Page 5, at the end of the clause add the following proposed section:—

"24k. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice the right of any employee who is or becomes entitled to any benefit or advantage under the Commonwealth Public Service Regulations in respect of annual recreation or sick leave, and any award made under this Act shall, in respect of such matters, accord to such employee treatment not less favorable than that provided for in such Regulations."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 42.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Russell
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

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NOES, 59.

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

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—TRANSFERRED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCES 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. 40.

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 *Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948*.

Canberra, 27th November, 1951.

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.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Sir Arthur 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 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. 41.

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 *Superannuation Act 1922-1950*, as amended by the *Superannuation Act 1951*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th November, 1951.

28th November, 1951.

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.*)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1950*, as amended by the *Superannuation Act 1951*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur 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 Sir Arthur Fadden the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Sir Arthur 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND (SPECIAL PAYMENT) 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. 42.

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 provide for the Payment of a certain Sum of Money into the National Debt Sinking Fund.

Canberra, 27th November, 1951.

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.*)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a certain Sum of Money into the National Debt Sinking Fund.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur 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 Sir Arthur Fadden the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Sir Arthur 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.

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

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12. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—WHEAT BOUNTY 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. 43.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution or 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 provide for the Payment of a Bounty upon the Production of Wheat delivered to the Australian Wheat Board.

Canberra, 27th November, 1951.

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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty upon the Production of Wheat delivered to the Australian Wheat Board.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, 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, after debate—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

14. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 223) the Bill was read a third time.

15. DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) 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 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. 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.

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16. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE 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 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 224), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bruce, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Timson and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.