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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 50.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 30th November last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. E. J. EGGINS).—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 28th January last, of Mr. E. J. Eggins, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Eldred James Eggins, who at the time of his death was Member for the Division of Lyne in the House of Representatives, and was formerly a member of the New South Wales Legislative Council, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), Sir Earle Page and Mr. Drummond having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF SENATOR R. H. NASH.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 12th December last, of Senator R. H. Nash, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator Richard Harry Nash, who at the time of his death represented Western Australia in the Senate, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) and Mr. T. P. Burke having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
5. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
6. THE LATE HONORABLE LIAQUAT ALI KHAN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from His Excellency the Governor-General containing a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General of Pakistan conveying the thanks of the Government and the people of Pakistan for the references made in the House on the death of the late Prime Minister of that Dominion, the Honorable Liaquat Ali Khan.
7. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—FIRST MEETING—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONGRATULATIONS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the President of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea transmitting a Resolution conveying the thanks of the Council for the Resolution of Congratulations in connexion with its first meeting passed by the House on the 20th November last.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Coal Industry Act 1946', and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

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9. 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. 44.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Appropriation Act 1951-52* ”
- “ *Appropriation (Works and Services) Act 1951-52* ”
- “ *Cotton Bounty Act 1951* ”
- “ *Beer Excise Act 1951* ”
- “ *Broadcasting Act 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 5th December, 1951.

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 45.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1951* ”
- “ *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1951* ”
- “ *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1951* ”
- “ *Public Service Act (No. 2) 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 7th December, 1951.

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 46.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1951* ”
- “ *Re-establishment and Employment 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 8th December, 1951.

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 47.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Superannuation Act 1951* ”
- “ *Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1951* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff Validation Act (No. 2) 1951* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff Validation Act 1951* ”
- “ *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1951* ”
- “ *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1951* ”
- “ *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1951* ”
- “ *Customs Act 1951* ”
- “ *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1951* ”
- “ *Conciliation and Arbitration Act (No. 3) 1951* ”
- “ *Defence Act (No. 2) 1951* ”
- “ *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951* ”
- “ *Coal Industry Act 1951* ”
- “ *Superannuation Act (No. 2) 1951* ”
- “ *National Service Act (No. 2) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1951.

J. NORTHCOTT,

Administrator.

Message No. 48.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1951* ”
- “ *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1951* ”
- “ *Tea Importation Act 1951* ”
- “ *War Service Homes Act 1951* ”
- “ *Hospital Benefits Act 1951* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Grants Commission Act 1951* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Export Duties) Act 1951* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1951* ”
- “ *Public Works Committee Act 1951* ”
- “ *National Debt Sinking Fund (Special Payment) Act 1951* ”
- “ *States Grants (Universities) 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1951.

J. NORTHCOTT,

Administrator.

Message No. 49.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Wheat Bounty 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, 13th December, 1951.

10. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that he would act as Treasurer during the absence of Sir Arthur Fadden.
11. CENSURE OF GOVERNMENT—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of censure of the Government which he proposed to move to-morrow.
12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Ordinance—1951—No. 5—Lands.
Parliament of the Commonwealth—Salaries and Allowances of Members—Report of Committee of Enquiry.
Shipping—Turn-round of Ships in Australian Ports—Report by Henry Basten, C.M.G.
War Gratuity—Third Report of the Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to review the provisions of the *War Gratuity Act 1945-1947*.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 147.
- Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 154.
- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 155.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 141, 159.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 145, 146.
- Customs Tariff (Export Duties) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 163.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 158.
- Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (11).
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 142.
- Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 157.
- Jury Exemption Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 164.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Defence purposes—
Bendigo, Victoria.
Bullbrook (Pearce Aerodrome), Western Australia.
Garbutt, Queensland.
Mareeba, Queensland.
Port Pirie, South Australia.
Puckapunyal, Victoria.

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Department of Civil Aviation purposes—

Adelaide, South Australia.
 Bankstown, New South Wales.
 Coen, Queensland.
 Marble Bar, Western Australia.
 Roma, Queensland.

Postal purposes—

Bool Lagoon, South Australia.
 Burnie, Tasmania.
 Chullora, New South Wales.
 Cressy, Tasmania.
 Exton, Tasmania.
 Geeveston, Tasmania.
 Gum Creek, South Australia.
 Harden, New South Wales.
 Moltema, Tasmania.
 Mount McIntyre, South Australia.
 Toorak, Victoria.
 Whyalla, South Australia.

National Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 156, 162.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 140, 165.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 138.

Papua and New Guinea Act—

Ordinances—1951—

No. 42—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea).
 No. 43—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua).
 No. 44—Native Administration (New Guinea).
 No. 45—Native Regulation (Papua).
 No. 46—Arbitration.
 No. 47—Commissions of Inquiry.
 No. 48—Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports).
 No. 49—Life Policies Protection.
 No. 50—Sea-Carriage of Goods.
 No. 51—Town Boundaries.
 No. 52—Goods.
 No. 53—Hire-purchase Agreements.
 No. 54—Partnership.
 No. 55—Sale of Meat.
 No. 56—Slaughtering.
 No. 57—Standard Time.
 No. 58—Statutes of Frauds and of Limitations.
 No. 59—Administrative Districts.
 No. 60—Bills of Exchange.
 No. 61—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea) (No. 2).
 No. 62—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua) (No. 2).
 No. 63—Defamation.
 No. 64—Insolvency.
 No. 65—Insolvency (New Guinea) (No. 2).
 No. 66—Land (Corrected Titles).
 No. 67—Noxious Plants.
 No. 68—Pounds.
 No. 69—Private Tramways.
 No. 70—Transfer of Land Control.
 No. 71—Weights and Measures.
 No. 72—Customs.
 No. 73—Laws of the Territory (Proof and Printing).
 No. 74—Ordinances Revision.
 No. 75—Ordinances Interpretation.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 160.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—O. Beran, H. Warner.
 Civil Aviation—H. P. Acocks, G. E. Archibald, K. M. Goodson, C. K. I. Hosken.
 Interior—B. S. Courtenay, W. M. Tweedie.
 Labour and National Service—J. G. Carroll.
 National Development—G. A. M. Taylor.
 Prime Minister—P. McCarthy.
 Repatriation—J. M. Bostock, L. A. Langley.
 Supply—I. R. Angus, D. A. Arnold, R. P. Bonnell, V. J. M. Boshier, B. C. Hind, S. B. Jackson, G. C. Lowenthal, F. H. McColl, K. N. McFarlane, D. C. Mills, J. L. Stanier, R. F. Treharne, W. R. Watson, W. K. Wood.
 Works and Housing—E. C. Foss, A. J. Frost, P. R. Gilmour, W. V. Mason, R. M. J. Nowak, L. Tully.

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Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—

- No. 117—Peace Officer Guard Association.
- No. 118—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
- No. 119—Common Rule *re* Sick Leave.
- No. 120—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
- No. 121—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 122—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
- No. 123—Australian Journalists' Association.
- No. 124—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
- No. 125—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 126—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 127—Musicians' Union of Australia.
- No. 128—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 161.
 Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund—Year—1950-51.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—

1951—

- No. 12—Court of Petty Sessions (No. 2).
- No. 13—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- No. 14—Crimes.
- No. 15—Juries.
- No. 16—Rural Workers Accommodation.
- No. 17—Motor Traffic.

1952—No. 1—Careless Use of Fire.

Regulations—1952—

- No. 1—(Juries Ordinance).
- No. 2—(Education Ordinance).
- No. 3—(Building and Services Ordinance).
- No. 4—(Adoption of Children Ordinance and Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance).

Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 139.

Wool Products Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 144.

Wool (Reserve Prices) Fund Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1951, No. 153.

1952, No. 1.

Wool Use Promotion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 143.

13. TREATY OF PEACE (JAPAN) BILL 1952.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Treaty of Peace with Japan and to make provision for carrying that Treaty into effect.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Casey 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. Casey moved, by leave, 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.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-nine minutes past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At ten minutes to ten o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

14. DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that it was his melancholy task to announce the sudden death of His Majesty The King.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Bostock, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Joske, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Wheeler.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.