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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1952.

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. BANK ADVANCE POLICY—ANNOUNCEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the announcement which had been made with reference to bank advance policy.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 82.
 - Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 80.
 - Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 83.
 - Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 85.
 - Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 84.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—
 - Amberley, Queensland.
 - Wallangarra (Jennings), New South Wales.
 - Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Coolangatta, Queensland.
 - Department of Supply purposes—Rum Jungle, Northern Territory.
 - Postal purposes—Merriton, South Australia.
 - Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 79.
 - Meat Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 81.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Army—M. G. E. Davies.
 - Postmaster-General—C. G. O'Connell.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1952—No. 65—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
 - War Service Homes Act—Land acquired—St. Marys, New South Wales.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 86.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Repatriation Act 1952*" 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 2nd October, 1952.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—INTEREST RATES.—Mr. Keon having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to prevent an increase in interest rates for overdrafts, mortgages, loans to co-operative housing societies and interest rates generally, which failure has accentuated the inflationary spiral, and added heavy additional financial burdens particularly to small business and people purchasing their own homes"—

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. Keon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.

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Ordered—That Mr. Thompson be granted an extension of time.
Discussion continued.

Mr. Peters rising to address the House—

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 51.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Tellers:
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Swartz	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Davies	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Mullens	Tellers:
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths		Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1952.—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. 87.

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 purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951*.

Canberra, 7th October, 1952.

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. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cotton Bounty Act 1951*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McLeay reported accordingly.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

7. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1952.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Earle Page 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 Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. A. D. Fraser 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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8. STIRLING NORTH TO BRACHINA RAILWAY BILL 1952.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to leave given on the 30th September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Construction of a Railway from Stirling North to Brachina in the State of South Australia, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Calwell 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. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1952.—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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

10. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1952.—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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann*, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor*, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Rosevear* and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.