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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 110.

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1952.

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. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—REPATRIATION ACT—APPEAL TRIBUNALS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The unsatisfactory departmental interpretation and administration of section 47 of the Repatriation Act, and the consequent rejection by the statutory Tribunals of many claims and appeals of ex-servicemen and their dependants, contrary to the intention of this Parliament"—
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. Evatt addressed the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Evatt be granted an extension of time.
Discussion ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) be granted an extension of time.
Discussion continued and concluded.
 3. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1952.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1949*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hasluck 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. Hasluck moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Haylen 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.
 4. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 ("Grievance Day"—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for a later hour this day.
 5. COTTON BOUNTY 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. Francis (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 478) the Bill was read a third time.
6. STIRLING NORTH TO BRACHINA RAILWAY 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.
Mr. Nelson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
 7. TAXATION LAW—RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the nature of certain business transactions which had occurred during recent years and of the intention of the Government, if defects existed in the taxation law, to introduce legislation which would have retrospective effect.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
 8. STIRLING NORTH TO BRACHINA RAILWAY 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.

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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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STIRLING NORTH TO BRACHINA RAILWAY BILL 1952.—

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 88.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of 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.

Canberra, 8th October, 1952.

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. Hasluck (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

10. STIRLING NORTH TO BRACHINA RAILWAY BILL 1952.—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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS 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.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Member ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Pollard having been grossly disorderly by using an offensive expression to the Chair, Mr. Speaker ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House.

The honorable Member accordingly withdrew.

Member named; and ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Perth (Mr. T. P. Burke) for using words objectionable to the Chair.

The honorable Member then being grossly disorderly by disregarding the authority of the Chair, the naming was not proceeded with and Mr. Speaker ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House.

The honorable Member accordingly withdrew.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven 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. Adermann*, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Bate, Mr. Bird, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. O'Connor*, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Rosevear* and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

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