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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 128.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—
Garden Shears.
Timber.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 11.
3. FRIDAY SITTINGS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That, until the end of March next, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business, in addition to the days fixed by Standing Order No. 38, on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business.
5. FISHERIES BILL 1953.—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. McLeay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. PEARL FISHERIES BILL 1953.—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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McLeay reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
8. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1953.—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.

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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. McLeay 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 562) the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 186.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act 1939-1946’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 187.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938-1948’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 188.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926-1952’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 189.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1924-1952’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 190.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929-1945’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

25th February, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 5 and 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.

15. IMMIGRATION PROGRAMME—REVISION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), That the Paper [*presented on the 7th August, 1952*], viz. :—
Immigration Programme—Revision—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. James 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 the next sitting.

16. TELEVISION BILL 1953.—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 by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—

“this House declines to proceed with the second reading until the matters contained in or arising from the Bill are impartially investigated and a report thereon furnished to the House and that, for such purpose, the terms of the Royal Commission on Television issued on the 11th February should if necessary be extended, its personnel increased to secure broader and more effective representation, and the evidence and the report made available to the House not later than 11th May, 1953”.

Debate continued.

Mr. O'Connor 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.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 191.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Royal Style and Titles*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 192.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Seamen's Compensation Act 1911-1949’, and for other purposes*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th February, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

19. 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 eight 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. Beazley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Treloar.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.