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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

FRIDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1954.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Bryson presented a Petition from certain officers of the Executive Councils of Unions and Associations of Commonwealth Public Servants praying that the Parliament will provide increases in the marginal rates for skill of all Commonwealth Public Servants of fifty per cent. Petition received and read.
3. TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC SYSTEMS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of trials being made to improve the handling of telegraphic traffic by new machine, systems and more efficient methods.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Senate Election 1953—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election 1953, viz. :—
 - New South Wales.
 - Queensland.
 - South Australia.
 - Tasmania.
 - Victoria.
 - Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Broadcasting Act—Twenty-first Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1952-53.
- Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1952-53.

5. COLOMBO PLAN—REPORT BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 - Report on the Colombo Plan by the Minister for External Affairs,
 - and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 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.

6. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—SIXTH REPORT.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) presented the Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. The Report is as follows :—

The Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings submits the Sixth Report for presentation to each House of the Parliament and recommends its adoption.

The Joint Committee has further considered the general principles upon which there should be determined the days upon which and the periods during which the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be broadcast, which were specified in previous reports by the Joint Committee and were adopted by both Houses. In accordance with section 12 (1.) of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the Joint Committee has now resolved that the general principles should be further amended as follows :—

1. That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (3) :—

“(3A) *Re-broadcast of Governor-General's Speech.*

On the first sitting day of each session of the Parliament the Australian Broadcasting Commission shall re-broadcast at 7.20 p.m. the Speech of the Governor-General.”; and

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2. That sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4), viz. :—

“ (4.) *Re-broadcast of questions and answers*—

(a) Within the limits of time available, the following Parliamentary Proceedings shall be re-broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Commission between 7.20 p.m. and 7.55 p.m. on each sitting day—
Senate Proceedings—Questions without notice and on notice and answers thereto ;
House of Representatives proceedings—Questions without notice and answers thereto.”

be amended by inserting after “ on each sitting day ” the words “ after the first sitting day of each session ”.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Chairman.

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Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

7. HYDROGEN BOMB TESTS BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to recent tests of the hydrogen bomb made by the United States of America, and informed the House that, in the interests of mankind, the Australian Government would not put pressure upon the United States to desist with the experiments. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Hydrogen Bomb Tests by the United States of America—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) 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.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 104.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session.

Question—put and passed.

9. PATENTS BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, 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.

10. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, 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.

11. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, 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.

12. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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.

13. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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.

14. STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) BILL 1954.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 13.*

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 *States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Act 1949*.

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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. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Act 1949*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

16. STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) BILL 1954.—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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

17. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY BILL 1954.—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. Beale (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1954.—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 :—

" , before this House gives final approval to the Bill, there should be appointed an investigating authority vested with power to report to Parliament as to the subject matter of the Bill and especially as to the precise effect the proposed reduction will have upon (a) shipping freights and (b) the efficient performance by the Stevedoring Industry Commission of its functions and powers in relation to the provision of port and harbour facilities relating to shipping and stevedoring and to the provision of adequate amenities for those employed in or about the industry of stevedoring " .

Mr. Osborne 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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19. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bland, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Drummond, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. Luck, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Russell, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

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