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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at three 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—
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1952-53.
Tariff Board—Report—Copper.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Annual Report by the Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for year ended 7th October, 1954.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Eighteenth Report—The Form and Content of the Financial Documents presented to the Parliament—Part I.—Budget Speech and Estimates.
Ordered to be printed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—
10th November, 1954—*Message No. 47*—South-East Asia Collective Defence Treaty 1954.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Osborne brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in April last, recommend that the following be printed :—

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1953.

Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1953-54.

Public Accounts Committee—Sixteenth Report—Treasury Minutes on Reports of the 1952-54 Joint Committee of Public Accounts.

Public Works Committee Act—Twenty-third General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1952-53.
Representation Act—

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Numbers of the People of the Commonwealth and of the Several States as at the 30th June, 1954.

Determination, made by the Chief Electoral Officer, of the Representation of the States in the House of Representatives, dated 4th November, 1954.

Television—Report of Royal Commission.

War Service Homes Act—Annual Report for year 1953-54.

The Joint Committee has re-considered the printing of the Fifth Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, for the year 1952-53, and now recommends that this Report be printed.

F. M. OSBORNE,
for the Acting Chairman.

11th November, 1954.

Mr. Osborne moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

11th and 12th November, 1954.

6. COPPER—TARIFF BOARD'S REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the report of the Tariff Board on Copper. Sir Eric Harrison then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Copper—Tariff Board's Report—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Statement be printed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. BANKRUPTCY 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—

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 the Bill was read a third time.

9. AGED PERSONS HOMES 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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Haylen moved the following amendment :—Page 2, line 23, after " persons " insert " and aged sick persons ".

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of 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. McMahon (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. BROADCASTING 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 Sir Philip McBride (Acting Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Stevedoring Industry Act 1949' , and to provide for an Inquiry into certain matters* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th November, 1954.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

11th and 12th November, 1954.

Ordered—That the Amendment 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 4, clause 11, sub-clause (1.), after paragraph (c), insert the following paragraph :—

“(ca) the profits made from stevedoring operations by companies or other persons engaged exclusively or otherwise in the stevedoring industry, including profits so made by companies or other persons engaged in whole or in part in shipping operations and deriving profits either directly or indirectly from stevedoring operations ;”.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Sulphuric Acid* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11th November, 1954.

Ordered—That the Amendment 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 8, line 23, at the end of sub-clause (2.) add the words “ or that, in such circumstances as are prescribed, no bounty is payable ”.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the House adopted the Report.

13. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1954—No. 50—Australian Workers' Union.

Suspension of Sitting.—At one minute to one o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At twelve minutes past three o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—

12th November, 1954, a.m.—*Message*—

No. 50—Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1954.

No. 51—River Murray Waters 1954.

No. 52—Aged Persons Homes 1954.

No. 53—Broadcasting 1954.

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

16. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

11th and 12th November, 1954.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 42.

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Casey | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Cramer | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Davis | Mr. Holt | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Bostock | Mr. Dean | Mr. Howse | Sir P. McBride | |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McCollm | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Brand | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Joske | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Francis | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Opperman |

NOES, 14.

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| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Coutts | Mr. Joshua | Mr. Stewart | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Crean | Mr. Makin | Mr. Ward | Mr. W. M. Bourke |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Whitlam | Mr. Daly |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden*, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairhall*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Luck, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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