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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 1955.

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, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Thirty-fourth Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1953-54.
 - Bankruptcy Act—Twenty-sixth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for the year ended 31st July, 1954.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Tumbi Umbi, New South Wales.
 - Department of Air purposes—Hobart, Tasmania.
 - Postal purposes—Burra, South Australia.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—I. C. Lawson, A. E. Liubinas, A. Ozolins.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (Miscellaneous No. 11 of 1954)—Australian Air Pilots' Association.
 - Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1953-54.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Government Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
4. MR. SPEAKER—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Calwell moved, pursuant to notice, That this House has no confidence in Mr. Speaker for the reasons—
 - (1) That, in the discharge of his duties, he has acted in a partisan way by displaying bias against Members of Her Majesty's Opposition;
 - (2) Many of his decisions have been arbitrary and unjust; and
 - (3) That he fails to interpret or apply correctly the Standing Orders of the House.
 Debate ensued.
 It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.
 Ordered—That the time for the debate be extended.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. A. D. Fraser rising to address 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, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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NOES, 34.

Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
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And so it was negatived.

5. WOOL REALIZATION (DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS) BILL 1955.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) Act 1948-1952*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. HIDE AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1955.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Hide and Leather Industries Act 1948*, and for purposes connected therewith.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. COURTS-MARTIAL APPEALS BILL 1955.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Appeals from Courts-Martial to a Courts-Martial Appeal Tribunal.
Question—put and passed.
Sir Philip McBride 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 Philip McBride moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1955.—Mr. McMahan (Minister for Social Services) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947-1954*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McMahan 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. McMahan moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. TRADE MARKS BILL 1955.—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.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Joske), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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10. PATENTS BILL 1955.—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.
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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Beale, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1955.—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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1955.—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 Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. RABBIT SKINS EXPORT CHARGES LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1955.—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 Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. CONSULAR FEES BILL 1955.—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 Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. METEOROLOGY BILL 1955.—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.)

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. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric 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 eleven minutes past 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. Anderson, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bryson, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. J. R. Fraser, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Joshua, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Makin, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ward and Mr. Webb.

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