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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 50.

THURSDAY, 21st JUNE, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Air—G. A. Bond.
Postmaster-General—P. A. Braga, N. R. Kay, B. J. Tosswill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill :—
19th June, 1956—*Message No. 34*—Export Payments Insurance Corporation 1956.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—PENSIONERS.—Mr. Ward having proposed to Mr. Deputy Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for immediate action to relieve the desperate plight of age, invalid and widow pensioners"—
Mr. Deputy 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. Ward addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Howson	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Killen	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, as a whole, further debated.
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.

7. MEMBER SWORN.—Frederick Michael Daly, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
8. HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, as a whole, further debated.
Mr. Whitlam addressing the Committee—
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 Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.
10. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1956.—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. Deputy 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.
On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

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12. TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1956.—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. Deputy 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 debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Pollard addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1956.—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. Deputy 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.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1956.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 35.*

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 (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949-1950*.

Canberra, 29th May, 1956.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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 (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

15. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy 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.

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The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1956.—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Stevedoring Industry*", 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, 21st June, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

Ordered—That the Amendment be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Deputy 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 8, clause 9, line 24, after "port," insert "other than a port at which, immediately before the commencement of this Act, a register of waterside workers was maintained in pursuance of the *Stevedoring Industry Act 1949-1954*."

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

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1955, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Canberra, 21st June, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 27, clause 7, line 37, leave out "industrial", insert "industry".

No. 2.—Page 36, clause 10, line 34, leave out paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) of proposed section 41.

Amendment No. 1—

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

Amendment No. 2—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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18. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the Third 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 has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed :—

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1955.

R. L. DEAN,
Chairman.

21st June, 1956.

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

19. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Order—Inventions and designs.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1956—
No. 42—Australian Workers' Union.
No. 43—North Australian Workers' Union.
No. 44—Australian Workers' Union.
No. 45—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 46—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 47—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
No. 48—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 49—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

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

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- No. 36—Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1956.
No. 37—Rayon Yarn Bounty 1956.
No. 40—Public Service Arbitration 1956.
No. 41—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power 1956.
No. 42—Navigation 1956.
No. 43—Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1956.
No. 44—Evidence 1956.
No. 45—Judges' Pensions 1956.
No. 46—Northern Territory (Administration) 1956.
No. 47—Coal Industry 1956.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Calwell addressing the House—
Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to one 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. Anderson, Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Bland, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Bryant, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fox, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes*, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nelson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Peters, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Webb.

*On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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