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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1959.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1958–59, together with Summary of Recommendations.
 Ordered—That the Report be printed.
 Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Fifth Annual Statement concerning operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1958–59.
 Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—R. M. Bedford.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 36.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the Expending of those Moneys.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the Expending of those Moneys.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Mr. Adermann moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Adermann and Sir Garfield Barwick do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Bill brought up by Mr. Adermann, and read a first time.

Mr. Adermann moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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4. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1959.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. A. D. Fraser, viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide rates of social service payments adequate to present living costs and representing a fair and reasonable share of the national income, such rates to take effect from the first pension pay day in July ”—

Debate resumed.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Browne, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Failes*, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hulme, Mr. McColm, Mr. Nelson*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.