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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 103.

THURSDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Daly, Chairman, brought up the Second 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 another Paper, the motion for the printing of which was discharged from the Notice Paper of the House of Representatives, recommend that the following be printed:—

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1946-47.

War Service Homes Act—Report of Director of War Service Homes for year 1947-48, together with statements and balance-sheet.

F. M. DALY,
Chairman.

29th June, 1949.

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

3. DOLLAR SITUATION—PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that Australia would be represented at a conference of British Commonwealth Finance Ministers to be held in London in July to discuss matters connected with the shortage of dollars.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

A proposed Law intituled "*National Emergency (Coal Strike) Act 1949*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 29th June, 1949.

30th June, 1949.

5. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—FOURTH REPORT.—Mr. Deputy Speaker presented the Fourth 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 Fourth 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 the First, Second and Third Reports adopted by both Houses on 5th and 17th July, and 15th November, 1946, respectively. In accordance with section 12 (1.) of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act* 1946, the Joint Committee has now resolved that paragraph (4.) of the general principles should be amended by the addition of two sub-paragraphs. Paragraph (4.) at present reads as follows:—

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

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.”

The sub-paragraphs to be added are—

“(b) When a member makes a personal explanation in rebuttal of misrepresentation contained in a question asked that day or an answer thereto, the question and answer shall, subject to the next succeeding sub-paragraph, be excluded from the re-broadcast.

(c) The Presiding Officer may, in his discretion, refer any case to the Joint Committee for decision as to whether such question and answer shall be excluded from the re-broadcast.”

GORDON BROWN,
Vice-Chairman.

29th June, 1949.

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Stevedoring Industry Act—Stevedoring Industry Commission—Financial Accounts for the period 22nd December, 1947, to 30th June, 1948, together with the Certificate of the Auditor-General.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1946-47.

7. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act* 1905-1946.
Question—put and passed.

Mr. Dedman 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. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (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.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

9. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (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.

10. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1949.—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. Fadden, viz.:*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into and report upon the deterioration in the finances of the Postmaster-General’s Department which has resulted in the imposition of these heavy increases in charges at a time when revenue from other sources is at a record high level”—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) be granted an extension of time.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

30th June, 1949.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Tellers:

Noes, 23.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Howse	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Tellers:

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Social Services Consolidation Act 1949 ”

“ States Grants Act 1949 ”

“ Supply Act (No. 1) 1949–50 ”

“ Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 1) 1949–50 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

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Canberra, 29th June, 1949.

12. WHALING INDUSTRY BILL 1949.—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.

30th June, 1949.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL (No. 2) 1949.—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.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Deputy Chairman, Mr. Burke, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1946’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th June, 1949.

Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Calwell moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (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.

15. GENOCIDE CONVENTION BILL 1949.—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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

30th June, 1949.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. IMMIGRATION BILL 1949.—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.

Mr. Spender moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Lang	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 19.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Dame Enid Lyons	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. WAR-TIME REFUGEES REMOVAL BILL 1949.—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.

Mr. Spender moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Lang	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. Turnbull

Noes, 28.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Lang	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 19.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Dame Enid Lyons	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

30th June and 1st July, 1949.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Construction and Operation of Works for the Generation of Hydro-electric Power in the Snowy Mountains Area*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th June, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIQUID FUEL (DEFENCE STOCKS) BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 87.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to provide, in the interests of Defence, for the Maintenance of Stocks of Liquid Fuel within Australia*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th June, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 1ST JULY, 1949.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Dame Enid Lyons	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Scully and Mr. White.

F. G. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.