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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 50.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
Standardization of Australia's Railway Gauges—Report by Sir Harold Clapp, K.B.E.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Commonwealth Public Service—Systems of Promotion and Temporary Transfers—Report of Committee of Inquiry.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. WIVES OF SERVICEMEN—PASSAGES TO AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the arrangements made for free passages from the United Kingdom to Australia for widows, wives and children of members of the Australian Forces.
5. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE, BRADFIELD PARK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a newspaper report of a parade of members of the Royal Australian Air Force at Bradfield Park, New South Wales.
6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1945-46.—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. Fadden moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Makin
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 133), the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Re-establishment in Civil Life of Members of the Forces, for facilitating their Employment, 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.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th June, 1945.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Francis, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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