

1945.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 67.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1945.

1. The House met, at three 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 (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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Gwydir (Mr. Scully), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. ABSENCE OF MR. SCULLY—PERFORMANCE OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.--Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr. Scully, Mr. Forde would act as Minister for Commerce and Agriculture.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE. --Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Bill 1945*]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the provisional administration of the Territory of Papua and that portion of the Territory of New Guinea no longer in enemy occupation*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th July, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Bill 1945*] --

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1940-1914*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th July, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,
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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—No. 41—
 Hotel, Club, Restaurant and Caterers Employees' Union of New South Wales.
 Black Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 114.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works and Housing—
 I. J. Price.
 Customs Act—Customs Proclamation—No. 634.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (38).

7. SPECIAL ANNUITY BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late the Right Honourable John Curtin.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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.*)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SPECIAL ANNUITY BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

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 provide for the payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late the Right Honourable John Curtin.

Canberra, 31st July, 1945.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of an Annuity to the Widow of the late the Right Honourable John Curtin.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

9. SPECIAL ANNUITY BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

10. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES BILL 1945.—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. White moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that the operation of the airlines be left to the existing management and that the amount proposed to be expended in compensation or purchase be allocated to the building of modern airport facilities in the principal cities".

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Clark	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Martens
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

Tellers:

Noes, 11.

Mr. Abbott	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Adermann	Mr. White
Mr. Bowden	
Mr. Cameron	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair) -

Ayes, 25.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 5 to 23 agreed to.
 Clause 24 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 25 to 41 agreed to.
 Clause 42 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 43 to 70 agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agree to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Breen, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Coles, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Makin, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully*, Mr. Smith, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

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