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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 89.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FAR EASTERN ADVISORY COMMISSION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the creation of a Far Eastern Advisory Commission to consider matters relating to Japan.
3. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS WAR GOODS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Harrison, by leave, made a Statement with reference to allegations made by him regarding the disposal by the Department of Munitions of certain surplus war goods.
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
4. CASE OF MRS. M. E. PEDVIN—REPORTS OF COMMITTEE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Committee of Inquiry concerning the issue of certain "notices to quit" in respect of Government-owned houses in Canberra—Reports by—
(a) the Honorable J. A. Beasley, M.P. (Chairman), Senator Finlay and the Honorable R. T. Pollard, M.P., and
(b) the Honorable J. P. Abbott, M.P., and the Honorable T. W. White, M.P.—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Abbott was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
6. NATIONALITY BILL 1945.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Retention or Acquisition of British Nationality by Women married to Aliens.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Calwell 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. James (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed Additions to the Institute of Anatomy, Canberra,
Ordered to be printed.

F.611.

4th October, 1945.

8. WAR CRIMINALS BILL 1945.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Trial and Punishment of War Criminals. Question—put and passed.
Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley 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.)

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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-fourth Report, for year 1943-44.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1944-45.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Widows' Pensions Act 1942-1944 ' , as amended by the ' National Welfare Fund Act 1945 ' ' , and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.*

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Social Services) 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. Holloway moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1943 ' , as amended by the ' Commonwealth Public Service Act 1941 ' and by the ' Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945 ' , and for other purposes ' , and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.*

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

12. WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule further considered—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to clause 17 :—

" The State shall give the settler the opportunity to take up his holding under conditional purchase lease terms. If the settler takes up his holding under perpetual leasehold tenure, he shall have the option to convert his holding to conditional purchase lease."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule debated—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to clause 3 :—

" (f) Such steps as are appropriate shall be taken to ensure that the standards of construction and services of houses of settlers are at least equal to the standards generally adopted in Government and Government-approved housing schemes in Australia."

4th October, 1945.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be added be so added—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald	Mr. J. A. Beasley	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. James
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Francis	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Hadley	

And so it was negatived.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Title—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the words “ and for other purposes ” be added.

Amendment negatived.

Title agreed 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1944 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Health) 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. Holloway moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

14. STATES GRANTS 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.

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.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS 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. 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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Sydney, 18th September, 1945.

4th October, 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. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

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. Lazzarini, by leave, was adopted by the House.

16. STATES GRANTS 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. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to Housing, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

[*Hospital Benefits Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Hospital Benefits and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

[*War Crimes Bill 1945*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Trial and Punishment of War Criminals*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

18. TUBERCULOSIS 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.

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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

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19. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, 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.)

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. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. EDUCATION 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.
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.)

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

21. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.
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.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT 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. 37.

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 *Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1933-1935*.

Canberra, 28th September, 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 amend the *Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1933-1935*.
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.

4th and 5th October, 1945.

23. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT 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 (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24. LOAN (HOUSING) 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—
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.)

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. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 284), the Bill was read a third time.

25. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1943-44.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 283), the Bill was read a third time.

26. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1943-44.—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.)

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. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 283), the Bill was read a third time.

27. WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Social Services) moved, 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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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 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 10, after “ is ” insert “ permitted by law and is ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

29. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Wool Realization Bill 1945]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement between the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa in relation to the disposal of wool and to provide for the carrying out of the Agreement on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

[Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Bill 1945]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Contributory Charge upon certain Wool produced in Australia, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

[Wool (Contributory Charge) Bill 1945]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose a Contributory Charge upon certain Wool produced in Australia* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

[War Service Land Settlement Agreements Bill 1945]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to War Service Land Settlement* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th October, 1945.

30. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until twelve o'clock noon this day.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at twelve o'clock noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Haylen*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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