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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 136.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1946.

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. 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. PLACING OF NEW GUINEA UNDER TRUSTEESHIP OF UNITED NATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the placing of the Territory of New Guinea under the trusteeship system of the United Nations and indicated the draft terms proposed as a basis for discussion with other Governments.
4. BATMAN AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, FLINDERS-LANE, MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations, namely :—“The erection of the Batman Automatic Telephone Exchange, Flinders-lane, Melbourne”.
Question—put and passed.
5. AMENITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement relating to amenities and leave facilities provided for Australian troops in Japan.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Canberra University College—Report for 1945.
7. TUBERCULOSIS BILL 1946.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tuberculosis Act 1945*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Holloway 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. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Frederick Stewart 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.

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8. PATENTS BILL 1946.—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 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

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

Page 3, lines 9 and 10, omit sub-clause (3.) of proposed section 91A.

(Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. MEAT INDUSTRY CONTROL BILL 1946.—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. Barnard reported accordingly.

Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Anthony moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for reconsideration.

Mr. Anthony addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Scully moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Martens	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for reconsideration—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Question—That the Report be adopted—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Scully, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. TRADESMEN'S RIGHTS REGULATION BILL 1946.—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.

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Question—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Johnson	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Spender
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. Guy

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.)

Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment, That after sub-clause (1.) the following sub-clause be inserted:—

“(1A.) One of the representatives specified in paragraph (b), and one of the representatives specified in paragraph (c), of the last preceding sub-section shall be a member of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Imperial League of Australia.”.

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Dame Enid Lyons	
Mr. McEwen	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. Guy

Noes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 40 agreed to.

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Clause 41—

Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment, That the words “, during the period of the war, acquired, by reason of his service in the Forces,” (page 13, lines 37 and 38) be omitted and the word “acquired” be inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard.
Mr. Holt		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment, That the words “six months after the date of discharge of the member of the Forces or after the twenty-second day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six (being the date of commencement of the National Security (Trades Dilution) Regulations (No. 2)),” (page 14, lines 27–31) be omitted, and the following words inserted in place thereof:— “twelve months after the date of discharge of the member of the Forces or after the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 42 agreed to.

Clause 43 debated and agreed to.

Clause 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard.	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. James			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 46 to 52 agreed to.

Schedules 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. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

[*Income Tax Bill 1946*] -

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Social Services Contribution Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Social Services Contribution Act 1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Widows' Pensions Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Widows' Pensions Act 1942-1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Atomic Energy (Control of Materials) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision, in the interests of the Defence of the Commonwealth, for the Control of Materials which are or may be used in producing Atomic Energy, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Nationality Bill (No. 2) 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Naturalization of Persons who reside or have resided in the Territory of New Guinea*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Aliens Deportation Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Deportation of certain Aliens*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

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[*Parliamentary Papers Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Parliamentary Papers Act 1908-1935’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

[*Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (No. 2) 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1934’*, as amended by the ‘*Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1946*’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

12. WOOL INDUSTRY FUND BILL 1946.—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. Lemmon 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.

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

Question —put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to three o'clock in the morning, 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. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Williams.

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