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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 137.

THURSDAY, 8TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1944-45.

Salvage Commission—Report on allegations made in the House of Representatives regarding the disposal of certain Service stores and equipment.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of External Affairs—

H. D. Anderson, B. D. Beddie, A. H. Body, A. H. Borthwick, F. B. Hall, R. N. Hancock,

B. C. Hill, D. M. Hodgkinson, G. A. Jockel, K. I. Jones, W. A. G. Landale, J. D. Petherbridge,

A. P. Renouf, G. A. Richardson, J. R. Rowland, R. P. Throssell, L. D. Tilbury, H. N. Truscott.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Eagle Farm, Queensland.

3. 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.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

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. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 21.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	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.)

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.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL INDUSTRY FUND BILL 1946.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 59.*

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 application of certain Funds vested in the Australian Wool Realization Commission.

Canberra, 23rd July, 1946.

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. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) 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 application of certain Funds vested in the Australian Wool Realization Commission.

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

5. WOOL INDUSTRY FUND BILL 1946.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the words “ may be invested by the Treasurer in securities of the Commonwealth or of a State ” (page 2, lines 16–18) be omitted and the following words inserted in place thereof :—“ shall be invested by the Treasurer in Australian Consolidated Stock ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Conclan	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Burke
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Abbott proposing to move, as an amendment, That all words after “ Fund ” (page 2, line 23) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ shall be distributed within six months of the passing of this Act amongst wool growers who submitted wool for appraisalment during the period of the operations of the Central Wool Committee so that each such wool grower shall be entitled to an amount which bears the same proportion to the total credit of the Fund as his payments from the Central Wool Committee bore to the total sum so distributed by the Committee ”—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the amendment was out of order as it proposed to change the destination of the appropriation which had been approved by the House.

Mr. Anthony moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scully	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Burke		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be postponed—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Holt		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mountjoy
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING BILL 1946.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Australian Broadcasting Act 1942 ' , and for other purposes* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th August, 1946.

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. Francis 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 a later hour this day.

7. RAILWAY STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

8. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE—NINTH PROGRESS REPORT.—Mr. Holt (Deputy-Chairman) brought up the Ninth Progress Report from the Joint Committee on War Expenditure.

9. RAW COTTON BOUNTY 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Mr. Clark 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. Forde (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 412), the Bill was read a third time.

10. PETITION.—Mr. Corser, by leave, presented a Petition from Mrs. Nora Solly, complaining of hardship suffered by her as the result of moratorium legislation, praying that the House amend the legislation in order to give her relief, and also praying to be heard at the Bar of the House to enunciate further details.

Petition received and read.

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

[*Coal Industry Bill 1946*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 104.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide means for Securing and Maintaining adequate Supplies of Coal throughout Australia and for providing for the Regulation and Improvement of the Coal Industry in the State of New South Wales, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th August, 1946.

[*Meat Export Control Bill 1946*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 106.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Meat Export Control Act 1935-1938', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
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[*Meat Industry Control Bill 1946*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the transfer of the powers, authorities and functions conferred upon and exercised by the Controller of Meat Supplies and the Meat Canning Committee appointed under the National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations and the National Security (Meat Industry) Regulations respectively to the Australian Meat Board during the continuance of the 'National Security Act 1939-1946' and the Regulations thereunder*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th August, 1946.

[*Patents Bill 1946*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Patents Act 1903-1935', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th August, 1946.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADESMEN'S RIGHTS REGULATION BILL 1946.—Mr. Clark announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 105.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision in relation to the Regulation of Tradesmen's Rights of Employment in certain Trades, and Employment of Members of the Forces in those Trades, 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, 8th August, 1946.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 17, clause 45, add the following sub-clause :—

"(3.) Where an application is made under sub-section (2.) of section fifty-one of this Act, for a declaration that the Crown in right of the Commonwealth or a State has contravened section forty-three of this Act, the declaration shall not be made if it is proved that the act or omission which is alleged to constitute the contravention was duly directed, approved or consented to by a Local Committee or, on review or appeal, by the Central Committee or a court, and that the decision of the Local Committee or Central Committee, as the case may be, does not stand reversed as the result of review or appeal."

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No. 2.—Page 18, clause 50, line 31, leave out “ or added tradesman ”.

No. 3.—Page 18, clause 50, line 35, leave out “ added tradesman ”.

No. 4.—Page 18, lines 39 to 43, leave out clause 51, insert the following clause :—

“ 51.—(1.) If any person (not being the Crown in right of the Commonwealth or a State) contravenes, or fails to comply with, any provision of this Act, or fails to comply with any order of a court or direction of a Committee made or given under this Act, that person shall be guilty of an offence punishable, upon conviction, by a fine not exceeding One hundred pounds or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both.

“ (2.) Where a person considers that the Crown in right of the Commonwealth or a State has contravened, or failed to comply with any provision of this Act, or failed to comply with any order of a court or direction of a Committee made or given under this Act, that person may make an application to a court of summary jurisdiction constituted by a Police, Stipendary or Special Magistrate for a declaration accordingly.

“ (3.) The court shall hear the application and, if the court is satisfied that there has been any such contravention or failure, make a declaration accordingly.

“ (4.) The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing the procedure to be observed with respect to the making and hearing of applications under subsection (2.) of this section.”

No. 5.—Page 20, Fourth Schedule, after “ Refrigeration mechanic or serviceman.”, insert “ Shift electrician.”.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the House adopted the Report.

13. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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. Clark 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. Frost (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL 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. Clark 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. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. BANKRUPTCY 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. Clark 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. Holloway (Acting Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 9 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10, Government Business.

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17. TUBERCULOSIS 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. Clark 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. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

19. IMMIGRATION (GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN) 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. Clark 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 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

20. FORESTRY AND TIMBER BUREAU 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—

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

Mr. Clark 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. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 9 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 11 and 12, Government Business.

22. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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. Clark 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. Forde (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION 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—

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

Mr. Clark 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. Forde (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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24. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING 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.

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

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Ryan
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. White
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. James			

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.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past five 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. Gullett, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McLeod, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. Williams.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.