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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 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 DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented the Third Report from the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. The Report is as follows :—

The Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings submits the Third Report for presentation to each House of the Parliament and recommends its adoption.

The Joint Committee has further considered the general principles upon which there should be determined the days upon which, and the periods during which, the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be broadcast, which were specified in the First and Second Reports adopted by both Houses on 5th and 17th July, 1946, respectively. In accordance with section 12 (1.) of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the Joint Committee has now resolved that paragraph (4) of the general principles set out in the First and Second Reports, viz. :—

“(4) *Re-broadcast of questions without notice and answers.*—Within the limits of time available, questions without notice and answers in each House shall be re-broadcast between 7.20 p.m. and 7.55 p.m. on each sitting day.”,

be omitted and the following paragraph inserted in place thereof :—

“(4) *Re-broadcast of questions and answers.*—Within the limits of time available, the following Parliamentary proceedings shall be re-broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Commission between 7.20 p.m. and 7.55 p.m. on each sitting day—
Senate proceedings—Questions without notice and on notice and answers thereto ;
House of Representatives proceedings—Questions without notice and answers thereto.”.

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Chairman.

14th November, 1946.

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor-General at Government House at half-past eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday next.
Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 160.
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—1946—
No. 4—Trading with Natives.
No. 5—Native Labour.
No. 6—Judiciary.
No. 7—Barristers and Solicitors Admission.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT RELIEF) 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. 3.*

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 a Sum for the purpose of making Grants to certain States for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Canberra, 15th November, 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. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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 a Sum for the purpose of making Grants to certain States for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Mr. Pollard moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard and Mr. Dedman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Turnbull 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.

7. QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS AGREEMENT BILL 1946.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the execution of an Agreement for the Purchase by the Commonwealth of certain shares in Qantas Empire Airways Limited, and to appropriate the Moneys necessary for the purchase of those shares.

Question—put and passed.

8. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th November, 1946*], viz. :—

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 8th November, 1946—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt be granted extensions of time (3).

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Russell, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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