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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past two 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. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Williams be Members of the Committee of Privileges; five to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. White be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
5. AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT—UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the signing at Washington of an air transport agreement between the United States of America and Australia. Mr. Drakeford then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Air Transport Agreement—United States and Australia—Ministerial Statement
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—W. E. V. Bond, G. P. Brown, A. C. Heintz, D. J. Medley.
Labour and National Service—S. Holman, K. F. Walker.
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1945-46.
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1945.
National Security Act—
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (41).
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 132-134.
7. QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS AGREEMENT BILL 1946.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to leave given on the 15th November, brought up a Bill intituled "*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*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Drakeford moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. White 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. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act 1905-1938*.
 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.
 Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
9. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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.)

Clause 1—

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the word "December" (page 2, line 33) be omitted with a view to inserting the word "March" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lang
Mr. Burke	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Holt	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Beale moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b) of sub-clause (2.) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made:—

Page 10, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“(1A.) Orders, rules and by-laws so made shall not be deemed to be Statutory Rules within the meaning of the *Rules Publication Act 1903-1939*.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 19 agreed to.

The Schedules—

First Schedule—

Ordered—That the Schedule be divided.

National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations agreed to.

National Security (Agricultural Production) Regulations debated and agreed to.

National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations debated and agreed to.

National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations debated and agreed to.

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National Security (Australian Barley Board) Regulations agreed to.
 National Security (Australian Tobacco Leaf) Regulations agreed to.
 National Security (Beef Shortage) Regulations agreed to.
 National Security (Board of Business Administration) Regulations agreed to.
 National Security (Boot Trades Dilution) Regulations agreed to.
 National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following amendment was made : —

Page 13, third column, omit—

“ Omit from sub-regulation (3.) ‘ regulation 10 of the Regulations so repealed ’, insert ‘ the previous Regulations ’ ”.

Regulations, as amended, agreed to.

National Security (Change of Name) Regulations agreed to.

National Security (Claims against the Commonwealth in relation to Visiting Forces) Regulations debated and agreed to.

National Security (Coal Mining Industry Employment) Regulations agreed to.

National Security (Control of Animal Diseases) Regulations agreed to.

National Security (Dairy Produce Acquisition) Regulations—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That the following be inserted in the Third Column :—

“ After regulation 1A add—

“ 1B. These regulations shall not operate until the profits being made on the sale of Australian butter to the United Kingdom shall have been paid into the funds of the Dairy Equalization Committee for distribution to the farmers entitled thereto. ”.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
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Mr. Burke	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
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Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 22.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Harrison
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Holt
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put

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

Ayes, 22.

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
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And so it was negatived.

Point of Order.—Mr. Anthony raised a Point of Order that the matter being discussed by the honorable Member for Barker differed from his amendment.

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Chairman's Ruling. The Chairman (Mr. Clark) ruled that the amendment disposed of by the Committee covered the subject and the matter could not now be further discussed.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Anthony, having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Holt
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
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And so it was negatived.

Regulations agreed to.

National Security (Disposal of Commonwealth Property) Regulations agreed to.

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

The House resumed: Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1946-47.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th December, 1946.

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—K. P. McGrath.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Geraldton, Western Australia. Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1946—No. 12—Scaffolding and Lifts.

Rules—Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past 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. Conclan, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, and Mr. Mulcahy.

* On leave.

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