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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 58.

FRIDAY, 23RD MAY, 1947.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from 623 citizens of Barraba and district in the State of New South Wales praying that immediate steps be taken to make available payments of sustenance money to ex-prisoners of war and dependants of deceased prisoners of war at the rate of 3s. per day for the total period of their incarceration by the Japanese, such payments to be met from reparation money due for payment by the Japanese Government.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—
Orders—Inventions and designs (79).
4. COINAGE BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Coinage Act* 1909-1936.
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. Abbott 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.
5. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BILL 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National University Act* 1946.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Dedman 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. Dedman 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.
6. BEER EXCISE BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, 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.
7. QUARANTINE BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, 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 the next sitting.

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8. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping) moved, 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the payment of Age Pensions, Invalid Pensions, Widows' Pensions, Maternity Allowances, Child Endowment, Unemployment Benefits and Sickness Benefits, and for other purposes*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 22nd May, 1947.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the 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 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION DECLARATORY BILL 1947.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to declare that certain Enactments relating to Social Services have full force and effect, and for other purposes*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 23rd May, 1947.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

12. UNITED KINGDOM GRANT BILL 1947.—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. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT. All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Burke, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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