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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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**No. 60.**

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 59.
3. WAR GRATUITY BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Gratuity Act* 1945.  
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. 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.
4. 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.  
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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 136), the Bill was read a third time.

5. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 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.  
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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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. UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION 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.  
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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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.

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7. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION 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.

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. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. COINAGE 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.

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. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 36.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1936–1946 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Income Tax Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 37.*

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.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Social Services Contribution Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 38.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Contribution Act 1945–1946 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Gift Duty Assessment Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 39.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Gift Duty Assessment Act 1941–1942 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Gift Duty Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 40.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Gift Duty Act 1941 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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[*Estate Duty Assessment Bill 1947*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1942'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

10. QUARANTINE 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.

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. Clark 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.

11. BEER EXCISE 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.

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. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 8 and 9 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10, Government Business.

13. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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. Hamilton 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.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS AND WORKS BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 28th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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