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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1947.

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.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. UNITED STATES AWARDS TO MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decisions of the Government on proposals by the Government of the United States of America for awards of United States decorations to members of the Australian Defence Forces.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—
No. 83—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.
No. 84—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1946-47, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. TRADESMEN'S RIGHTS REGULATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given on the 5th November, brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act 1946 '* ", and moved, That it 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. Holt 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. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 15th October, brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Eggs* ", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Pollard 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.
8. CUSTOMS 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. Rankin 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.
9. NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS 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. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
10. SUGAR AGREEMENT 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. 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.

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11. BANKING BILL 1947.—On the calling on of the Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

(1) For the Committee stage—

(a) Parts I., II. and III., until 9.30 p.m. this day,

(b) Part IV., until 9.30 p.m. on Thursday, 13th November.

(c) Part V., until 1 p.m. on Friday, 14th November.

(d) Parts VI. and VII., until 11 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th November.

(e) Part VIII., until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th November.

(f) remainder of Committee stage, until 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th November.

(2) For the remaining stages, until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th November.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Davidson	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Harrison	
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Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fraser			
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Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to clause 2:—

“Provided that it shall not be presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent unless—

(a) not less than one month nor more than six months after its passage through both Houses it shall have been submitted in each State to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives; and

(b) a majority of the electors voting shall have approved it.”

Debate ensued.

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Limitation of Debate.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for Parts I, II, and III, had expired—
Question—That the proviso proposed to be added to clause 2 be so added—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That clauses 1 to 8 be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
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Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
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Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 9 to 25, by leave, taken together.

Debate ensued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Francis, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

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