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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 106.

FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Daly, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Twentieth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1945-46.

Representation Act—Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Numbers of the People of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 30th June, 1947.

Representation Act—Determination, made by the Chief Electoral Officer, of the Representation of the States in the House of Representatives, dated 17th November, 1947.

In connexion with the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, ordered to be printed by both Houses on the 21st November, 1947, the Committee recommends that, owing to printing difficulties, certain photographs contained in the original copy be excluded in printing the Report as a Parliamentary Paper.

F. M. DALY,
Chairman.

27th November, 1947.

Mr. Daly moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

3. IMMIGRATION POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Government's policy of immigration and reviewed the progress of the plans made to bring suitable migrants to Australia. Mr. Calwell then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Immigration—Government Policy—Ministerial Statement, 28th November, 1947—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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28th November, 1947.

4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anthony rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The complete break-down in the proper administration and provision of services in the Territories of Papua and New Guinea, and particularly the failure to provide reasonable living accommodation for many white men and women, the break-down in continuity of fresh food supplies and essentials, and the unsympathetic attitude of the responsible Minister towards Australians attempting to re-establish themselves in these Territories”.

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Anthony moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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, 36.

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

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Falkinder
Mr. Lang	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly and negatived.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—

No. 90—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.

Nos. 91 and 92—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 93—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association and others.

No. 94—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 95—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 96 and 97—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 98—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 99—Postmaster-General's Department State Heads of Branches Association.

No. 100—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Labour and National Service—D. I. Glastonbury, R. E. Hurnall.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Normanton, Queensland.

Postal purposes—

Dalkeith, Western Australia.

Melville, Western Australia.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “An Act to amend the ‘Trading with the Enemy Act 1939–1940’ and for other purposes”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

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

[*States Grants Bill (No. 2) 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

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 purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Ministers of State Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 93.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Ministers of State Act 1935–1946 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Commonwealth Public Works Committee Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Royal Style and Titles Bill (Australia) 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 95.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to assent to an Alteration in the Royal Style and Titles of His Majesty the King* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*War Service Homes Bill (No. 2) 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1918–1946 ’, as amended by the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947 ’ and the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1947 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Tradesmen’s Rights Regulation Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Tradesmen’s Rights Regulation Act 1946 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Tractor Bounty Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Tractor Bounty Act 1939–1944 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.

9. AIR NAVIGATION BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation Act 1920–1936* as amended by the *Air Navigation Act 1947*.

Question—put and passed.

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10. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES BILL 1947.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National Airlines Act 1945*.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past one 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. Beale, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gullett, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Scullin.

* On leave.

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