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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 133.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1948.

1. The House met, at three 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
War Gratuity—Report of the Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to review the provisions of the *War Gratuity Act* 1945-1947.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—
No. 23—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 24—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 25—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia) and others.
No. 26—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 27—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 28—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
Nos. 29 and 30—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—A. W. Doubleday, A. Smallman.
External Affairs—J. L. Allen, A. B. Jamieson.
Post-war Reconstruction—N. C. Carroll, V. E. G. Harris, H. C. Sheath, W. G. St. C. Smith.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (12).
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3307-3311.
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 4—Supply (No. 4) 1947-48.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page 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 importance of improving the existing means of communication and consultation with other portions of the British Commonwealth of Nations, especially between those in the southern hemisphere—Australia, South Africa and New Zealand".
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—
Sir Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Beale be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—put and negatived.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACOUSTIC LABORATORIES BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 133.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act relating to Acoustic Laboratories* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th April, 1948.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) 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.

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

7. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1947* and for other purposes.

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. 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.

8. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide Retirement Benefits for Members of the Permanent Defence Forces of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.

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. Ryan 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRANSFERRED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCES BILL 1948.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 71.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Allowances to certain Transferred Officers.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Allowances to certain Transferred Officers.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Holloway do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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Mr. McBride 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. SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1948.—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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.