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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 139.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1948.

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. H.M.A.S. *Sydney* REPLACEMENT FUND BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Expenditure of the Moneys standing to the credit of the H.M.A.S. *Sydney* Replacement Fund.
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 (Acting 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.
3. PRIMARY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES REPEAL BILL 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Primary Produce Export Organization Act* 1935 and the *Primary Produce Export Charges Act* 1935-1938, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
4. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE 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 for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain employees of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
5. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research), pursuant to leave given on the 4th June, brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act relating to Weights and Measures* ", 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. Harrison (Acting 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. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION 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.

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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. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 545) the Bill was read a third time.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1947-48.—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. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 546) the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1948-49.—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. Duthie 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.