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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) 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.
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 135, 137.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Health—C. C. G. F. Shellew.
 - Immigration—R. Annand.
 - Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 136, 138.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Glenelg North, South Australia.
 - Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Geraldton, Western Australia
 - Department of the Interior purposes—Townsville, Queensland.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Kingsgrove, New South Wales.
 - Lara, Victoria.
 - Murray Bridge, South Australia.
 - Nanango, Queensland.
 - North Strathfield, New South Wales.
 - Tailem Bend, South Australia.
 - West Maitland, New South Wales.
 - Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 140.
 - War Gratuity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 139.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL 1948.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

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 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.

Canberra, 12th October, 1948.

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

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

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

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

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, 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. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank 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 (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.

7. 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.

Question—put and passed.

8. WHALING 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 amend the *Whaling Act 1935*.

Question—put and passed.

9. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION 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.

Ordered—That Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. McEwen moved, That Mr. Hamilton be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Burke, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holt*, Mr. Howse*, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James*, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Rosevear*, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Sheehy*.

* On leave.

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