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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION—THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Development) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—
Aluminium Industry Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, for year 1947-48—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Dame Enid Lyons 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
War Gratuity—Second 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.
4. LOAN (HOUSING) 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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
 Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1948 [No. 2].—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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 10 agreed to.

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New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“ 2A. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, ‘ the Australian Capital Territory ’ includes the Territory accepted by the Commonwealth in pursuance of the *Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915*, and described in the agreement set out in the Schedule to that Act.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Johnson, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. UNITED KINGDOM GRANT 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.

Mr. Thompson 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. 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. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Holt*, Mr. Howse*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James*, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Rosevear*, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Sheehy* and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.