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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 18TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—
    - Nos. 73-75—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
    - No. 76—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
    - No. 77—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
    - No. 78—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
    - No. 79—Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia.
    - No. 80—North Australian Workers' Union.
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
    - Post-war Reconstruction—A. Y. Montgomery.
    - Treasury—H. I. Blake, R. G. Martin, D. C. Phillips, H. Webb.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
    - Beenleigh, Queensland.
    - Boonah, Queensland.
    - Colonel Light Gardens, South Australia.
    - Kapunda, South Australia.
    - Mannum, South Australia.
  - Overseas Telecommunications Act—Second Annual Report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia), for year 1947-48, together with financial accounts.
  - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
    - Ordinances—1948—
      - No. 3—Police Offences.
      - No. 4—Stock.
      - No. 5—Liquor (No. 2).
    - Regulations—1948—No. 4 (Fish Protection Ordinance).
3. PASSPORTS BILL 1948.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Passports Act* 1938.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Calwell 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.  
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. IMMIGRATION (GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN) 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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5. INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION 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 by Mr. White who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that nothing in the proposed Act shall in any way restrict the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia from giving preferential tariff concessions to goods manufactured in the United Kingdom or in other countries of the British Empire and Commonwealth".

Debate continued.

Mr. Adermann 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 a later hour this day.

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

[*Wheat Industry Stabilization Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Wheat Export Charge Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Charge on Wheat and Wheat Products exported from the Commonwealth*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 18th November, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Wheat Tax (Repeal and Refund) Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to repeal the 'Wheat Tax Act 1946', to provide for the Refund to Growers of Wheat of Moneys raised under that Act, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,  
President.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered —That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

8. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP 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. 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. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Western Australia Grant (Water Supply) Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of making a Grant to the State of Western Australia for the purpose of Water Supply Development*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*War Gratuity Appropriation Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to establish a War Gratuity Trust Account, to provide for the Payment of Moneys to the credit of that Account, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1948*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 20.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt\*, Mr. Howse\*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James\*, Mr. Menzies\*, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Rosevear\*, Mr. Scullin\*, Mr. Sheehy\* and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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