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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 46.

TUESDAY, 23RD 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. ILL-HEALTH OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING—POSTPONEMENT OF ROYAL VISIT—ADDRESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the ill-health of His Majesty The King, and announced the indefinite postponement of the proposed visit to Australia and New Zealand of His Majesty The King, Her Majesty The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret. Mr. Chifley then moved, That the following Address be transmitted through His Excellency the Governor-General to His Majesty The King :—  

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :  
 MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, the Members of the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled, desire to express sincere sympathy to His Majesty King George VI. and Her Majesty The Queen in His Majesty's state of health and earnestly hope that The King will be speedily restored to good health.

Members of this House record also their great disappointment at the indefinite postponement of the projected visit to Australia of Their Majesties The King and The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. McEwen (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) associated their respective Parties with the proposed Address.

Question—put and passed.
3. 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—
    - No. 81—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
    - No. 82—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
    - Health—S. Fisher.
    - Interior—E. A. Appleton.
    - Navy—D. A. Bourne.
  - Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 141.
  - Defence (Transitional Provisions Act)—National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 157–160.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
    - Defence purposes—Stuart, Queensland.
    - Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Eagle Farm, Queensland.
    - Postal purposes—
      - Cessnock, New South Wales.
      - Lindisfarne, Tasmania.
      - Mareeba, Queensland.
      - Melbourne, Victoria.
      - North Rockhampton, Queensland.
      - Pennant Hills, New South Wales.
  - Stevedoring Industry Act—Orders—1948, Nos. 31–36.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of the year.  
 Question—put and passed.

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6. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1948.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1947*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Lemmon 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. Lemmon asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. HIDE AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES 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 relating to the Hide and Leather Industries, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
8. PASSPORTS BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) 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.
9. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, 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.
10. 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.  
Mrs. Blackburn 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.
11. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING 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. Riordan (Minister for the Navy) 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.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
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.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Holt\*, Mr. Howse\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Menzies\*, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Mr. O'Connor, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear\*, Mr. Scullin\*, Mr. Sheehy\*, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins and Mr. White.

\* On leave.

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