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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

FRIDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) had been requested to act as Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation as from to-day during the absence of Mr. Drakeford in New Zealand.
3. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS —RETIREMENT OF EIRE —MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the repeal by the Parliament of Eire of the External Relations Act and of the retirement of Eire from the British Commonwealth of Nations.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Sugar—Protocol relating to the International Sugar Agreement (signed in London, 31st August, 1948).  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Colonial Light Dues (Rates) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 147.  
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 146.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Commerce and Agriculture—D. S. Burnet, D. R. Meadley.  
Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 148.
5. HIDE AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES BILL 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 23rd November, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Hide and Leather Industries, and for other purposes*", 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.
6. KEMIRA TUNNEL (ARBITRATION) 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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Gullett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. ADJOURNMENT.--Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question--put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past twelve o'clock noon, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.--All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. O'Connor, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*