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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS—ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1947-48—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—
International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and on the operations, insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Agreement, for year 1947-48—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
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.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Haylen brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in August last, recommend that the following be printed:—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1945-46.

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1946-47.
United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Havana, November, 1947—March, 1948—Final Act and Related Documents.

F. M. DALY,
Chairman.

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Mr. Haylen moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

4. SETTLEMENT OR EMPLOYMENT OF MIGRANTS IN RURAL AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the availability of migrants for settlement or employment in rural areas.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—First Annual Reports by Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and the Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for 1947-48.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Shipping and Fuel—J. C. Needham.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 66.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Department of Labour and National Service purposes—Stafford, Queensland.
Overseas Telecommunications Commission purposes—Broome, Western Australia.
Postal purposes—Bald Hills, Queensland.

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6. COAL PRODUCTION (WAR-TIME) ACT REPEAL BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holt 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.

7. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES 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. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) 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 referred to an all-Party Parliamentary Committee to investigate and make recommendations to provide for an equitable scheme of retiring allowances for persons who have served as Members of Parliament. Such Committee shall take into consideration the desirability of readjusting the benefits payable to a Member where such benefits wholly or partly depend on periods of non-contributory service by either—

(a) suitably reducing the benefits; or

(b) allowing full benefits but subject to payment of suitable amounts of arrears of contributions".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lang	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. McBride	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1948.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

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 make Provision for Contributory Retiring Allowances for Persons who have served as Members of the Parliament.

Canberra, 1st December, 1948.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Contributory Retiring Allowances for Persons who have served as Members of the Parliament.

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Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, by leave, was adopted by the House.

9. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

10. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1948.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 5, line 35, after " person " (second occurring), insert " who is included in such prescribed classes of persons as are ".

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Calwell, the House adopted the Report.

11. ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1948.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, clause 3, lines 11 to 13, leave out the definition of " alien ", insert the following definition :—

" ' alien ' means a person who is an alien within the meaning of the *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948* ; "

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), the Amendment was agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Calwell, the House adopted the Report.

12. RIVER MURRAY WATERS 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. 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. Sheehy 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.

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13. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS AND WORKS 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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 27, omit " thirtieth day of November ", insert " thirty-first day of December ".

Mr. Turnbull proposing to move, That the clause be postponed—

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Sheehy) ruled that, as the clause had been amended, it would not be in order to move that it be postponed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

" 4. Section seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the proviso thereto and inserting in its stead the following proviso :—

Provided that no amount shall be expended under this section on any road, not being a road of access to Commonwealth property, unless—

(a) the Minister approves of that road as a strategic road ; or

(b) the Minister is satisfied that the road forms part of the general road system of a State and that the standard of maintenance required by the Commonwealth is higher than than justified by the normal volume of traffic."

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

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

[*Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to provide for the Distribution of any ultimate Profit accruing to the Commonwealth under the Wool Disposals Plan, and for other purposes* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.[*Defence (Transitional Provisions) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946-1947, and for other purposes* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.[*River Murray Waters Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 9th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

15. HOSPITAL BENEFITS 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. 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Immigration Act 1901-1940’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, lines 9 to 12, leave out paragraph (a).

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, after paragraph (d) add the following paragraph:—

“and (e) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

(2.) An intending immigrant shall be required to make, in the prescribed form, a declaration as to whether he is such a person as is described in paragraph (gd) of the last preceding sub-section, and, unless he makes a declaration that he is not such a person, his immigration into the Commonwealth shall be prohibited and he shall be a prohibited immigrant within the meaning of this Act.”.

Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1948.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to make Provision for Contributory Retiring Allowances for Persons who have served as Members of the Parliament*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th December, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 7, at end of clause add the following sub-clause:—

“(2.) The Governor-General may appoint two senators and two members of the House of Representatives to hold office as trustees until the first appointment as trustees of two senators and two members of the House of Representatives, respectively, under the last preceding section.”.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the Amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report.

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18. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 8th September, 1948 (pages 20–3).] The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

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

19. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 5) 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. 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. Clark reported accordingly.

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

20. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 8th September, 1948 (pages 23–4).] The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

21. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. 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. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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22. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. A. B. Smith, C. M. Pitt and C. A. Blakney, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before the House of Representatives on the 13th day of October, 1948, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report, and indicated on the map referred to therein, be adopted—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

23. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of South Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. A. G. Davis, C. M. Hambidge and K. V. McEntee, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before the House of Representatives on the 7th day of October, 1948, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name "Sturt" be substituted for the name "Bonython"—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

24. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. R. C. Nance and O. G. Pearson, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before the House of Representatives on the 14th day of October, 1948, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name "Balaclava" be substituted for "Gordon", the name "Burke" for "Bourke", the name "Chisholm" for "Lonsdale", the name "Higinbotham" for "Bridges", the name "Higgins" for "Hotham", the name "Isaacs" for "Balaclava", the name "Lalor" for "Phillip", and the name "Murray" for "Barkly"—

Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the name "Isaacs" be omitted with a view to inserting the name "Jacka" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"and the name 'Isaacs' for 'Indi'".

Amendment negatived.

Motion agreed to.

25. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. J. E. Stewart, J. P. Harvey and J. C. Stewart, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before the House of Representatives on the 26th day of October, 1948, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name "Bowman" be substituted for "Mowbray", the name "Leichhardt" for "Dalrymple", the name "Oxley" for "Somerset", and the name "Ryan" for "Wilson"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the name "Leichhardt" be omitted with a view to inserting the name "Macrossan" in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"and the name 'Leichhardt' for 'Dawson'".

Amendment negatived.

Motion agreed to.

26. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. V. F. Turner, D. S. Mulley and R. W. Evans, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before the House of Representatives on the 26th day of October, 1948, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name "Bennelong" be substituted for "Lane Cove", the name "Cook" for "McGowen", the name "Cunningham" for "Werriwa", the

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name "Evans" for "Parkes", the name "Farrer" for "Hume", the name "Grayndler" for "Cook", the name "Hume" for "Farrer", the name "Kingsford-Smith" for "Watson", the name "Lawson" for "Bligh", the name "Lowe" for "Strathfield", the name "Lyne" for "Kendall", the name "Mackellar" for "Warringah", the name "Parkes" for "Evans", the name "Phillip" for "Nelson", the name "Warringah" for "Rawson", the name "Watson" for "Kingsford", the name "Werriwa" for "Cunningham", and the name "West Sydney" for "Sydney"—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

27. COAL PRODUCTION (WAR-TIME) ACT REPEAL 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. 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. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

[Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Bill 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th December, 1948.

[Customs Tariff Bill (No. 5) 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to Duties of Customs", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th December, 1948.

[Excise Tariff Bill (No. 4) 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to Duties of Excise", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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29. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 152.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—

No. 87—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 88—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Department of Trade and Customs and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 89—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 90—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 91—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 153.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Orders—1948, Nos. 37, 39.

30. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [presented on the 2nd December, 1948], viz.:—
International Affairs—Statement by the Acting Minister for External Affairs, 2nd December, 1948—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) asked leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lennon	Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Holt	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Lang	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Edmonds			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Lawson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

31. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

32. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Burke, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ward.

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