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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 70.

THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1949.

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. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, LAE, NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—
Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the findings of the investigation panel appointed to inquire into the causes of an accident to a Lockheed Hudson aircraft at Lae, New Guinea, in April, 1948. Mr. Drakeford then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Aircraft Accident, Lae, New Guinea—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Falkinder 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence—R. B. Dakeyne.
Interior—J. W. Loorham.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Department of the Interior purposes—Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
Postal purposes—
Bayswater, Victoria.
Muswellbrook, New South Wales.
Wudinna, South Australia.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTIONS FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION—STATEMENT BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—
Mr. Deputy Speaker made a Statement clarifying the position regarding the practice of the House in relation to motions for adjournment under Standing Order No. 38.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NEW GUINEA TIMBER RIGHTS COMMISSION BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, Message No. 58.
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to facilitate the Proceedings of the Royal Commissioner appointed to hold an Inquiry with respect to certain matters in relation to Timber Rights in the Territory of Papua-New Guinea* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
GORDON BROWN,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd March, 1949.
6. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1949.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1948*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Johnson 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. Johnson moved, by leave, 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 the next sitting.

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7. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory Representation Act 1922-1936*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Johnson 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. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Cameron 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.
8. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Johnson 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. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Cameron 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. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 28 further debated and agreed to.

Clause 29 agreed to.

Clause 30 debated and agreed to.

Clause 31 agreed to.

Clause 32—

On the motion of Mr. Chambers (Acting Minister for External Territories), the following amendment was made :—

Page 9, line 17, after " Papua " insert " (except regulations in force under the *Papua Act 1905-1940*) ".

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 35 agreed to.

Clause 36—

On the motion of Mr. Adermann, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 10, line 17, omit " religious ", insert " Christian ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 37 to 53, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 54 to 57, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clauses 58 to 64, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 65 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 66 to 70, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clauses 71 to 74, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 75—

On the motion of Mr. Chambers, the following amendment was made :—

Page 19, line 22, omit " , control and audit ", insert " and control ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 76 and 77, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Chambers, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

" 75A. The accounts of the Territory shall be subject to inspection and audit Audit. by the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth."

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

10. SHIPPING BILL 1949.—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. Beale 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.

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

[*Income Tax Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd March, 1949.

[*Social Services Contribution Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Contribution Act 1945-1948 ’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd March, 1949.

[*Entertainments Tax Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Entertainments Tax Act 1942-1946 ’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd March, 1949.

[*Entertainments Tax Assessment Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1942-1946 ’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd March, 1949.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten 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. Burke, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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