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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1949.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Commonwealth Disposals Commission—Fourth Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1948.
 - United Nations—
 - Food and Agriculture Organization—Fourth Session, held at Washington, D.C., November, 1948—Report of Australian Delegation.
 - Questionnaire on Full Employment and Economic Stability—Reply by Commonwealth of Australia.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. UNITED NATIONS—QUESTIONNAIRE ON FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC STABILITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the reply by the Commonwealth Government to the questionnaire circulated by the United Nations on the subject of full employment and economic stability.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. AIRPORT FOR HOBART—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—The construction of an aerodrome at Llanherne, Tasmania.
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SHIPPING BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, *Message No. 66.*

The Senate has agreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Shipping* ”.

The Senate, GORDON BROWN,
President.
Canberra, 16th March, 1949.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS 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.
Question—put.
F.4574.

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

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Falkinder	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Corser
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. McBride	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Edmonds			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy 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.

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

[*Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1948* ’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th March, 1949.

[*Northern Territory Representation Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Northern Territory Representation Act 1922-1936* ’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th March, 1949.

[*Australian Capital Territory Representation Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948* ’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th March, 1949.

[*Science and Industry Research Bill 1949*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization* ’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th March, 1949.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—

No. 22—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 23—Australasian Society of Engineers.

No. 24—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—R. J. Pauley.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Albury, New South Wales, and Bonegilla, Victoria.

Fort Largs, South Australia.

Postal purposes—

Coominya, Queensland.

Hamley Bridge, South Australia.

Walang, New South Wales.

Waterloo, South Australia.

Wollert, Victoria.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward, Mr. White and Mr. Williams.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.