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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 101.

TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1949.

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. 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.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The present coal strike; ways and means of maintaining the fullest possible supplies of coal to the public; and the urgent necessity for the taking of adequate measures to defeat the strike".

Mr. Deputy Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Sir Earle Page moved, That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

*Message No. 42.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1948-49* "

" *Appropriation (Works and Services) Act (No. 2) 1948-49* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 23rd June, 1949.

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

[*States Grants Bill 1949*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

*Message No. 78.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia and Tasmania*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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[Supply (Works and Services) Bill (No. 1) 1949-50]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Lighthouses Act 1911-1942 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time:

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—No. 46—  
Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Meekatharra East, Western Australia.

Noonkanbah, Western Australia.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Nyngan, New South Wales.

Postal purposes—

Brisbane, Queensland.

Hall's Creek, Western Australia.

North Brighton, Victoria.

Temora, New South Wales.

Victoria Point, Queensland.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
9. 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 for the remainder of this week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
10. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes, extending beyond the limits of any one State, in connexion with Stevedoring Operations; to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with, and to regulate and control the Performance of, Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States; and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
11. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948*.  
Question—put and passed.
12. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1948*.  
Question—put and passed.
13. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes, extending beyond the limits of any one State, in connexion with Stevedoring Operations; to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with, and to regulate and control the Performance of, Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States; and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Dedman 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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14. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Gullett 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.
15. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS’ REPATRIATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920–1948 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Barnard 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.
16. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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. Anthony 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.
17. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—
- [*International Wheat Agreement Bill 1949*]—
- MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, *Message No. 80.*
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of the International Wheat Agreement, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
- GORDON BROWN,  
President.
- The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1949.
- [*War Service Homes Bill 1949*]—
- MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, *Message No. 81.*
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ War Service Homes Act 1918–1948 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
- GORDON BROWN,  
President.
- The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th June, 1949.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender and Mr. White.

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