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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 130.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 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 SITTING.—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. MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Government had approved of certain proposals submitted by the Ford Motor Company of Australia for the manufacture of motor vehicles in Australia.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—J. Wittenoom.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Health—F. B. Powell,
G. A. W. Pryor.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Highett, Victoria.
Preston South, Victoria.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1949—No. 7 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).
5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1949 [No. 2].—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to declare that the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration is empowered to determine a Basic Wage for Adult Females, and for purposes related thereto.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Evatt 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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 (Administration) Act 1910-1947*.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. CUSTOMS BILL 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901-1947*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pollard 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.

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

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.

(*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. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. EXCISE BILL 1949.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901-1947*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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

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.

(*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. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States of Queensland and Western Australia for the purpose of encouraging the Development of Meat Production by the Provision of Improved Roads and other Facilities for the Movement of Live-stock.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Dedman 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.

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

10. COAL INDUSTRY (TASMANIA) 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 means for Securing and Maintaining adequate Supplies of Coal to assist in meeting the need for that commodity throughout Australia and for providing for the Regulation and Improvement of the Coal Industry in the State of Tasmania, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

11. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	Tellers:
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 16.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	Tellers:
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 4 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Johnson, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—
 Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 18.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. McBride	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. STATES GRANTS (COAL STRIKE EMERGENCY) 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. Spender was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—
 Ayes, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	
Mr. Evatt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 16.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three 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. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Williams.

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