

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 134.

TUESDAY, 25TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Industries—Memorandum of the Work of the Secondary Industries Commission, 1943-49, prepared by the Division of Industrial Development of the Department of Post-war Reconstruction.
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1947-48.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1948-49.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
External Territories—L. T. Gleeson.
Interior—J. I. Brett.
Labour and National Service—J. C. D. McDonnell.
Supply and Development—K. A. Townley.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1948-49, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Council of the Soil Conservation Service of the Australian Capital Territory—Second Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, for year 1948-49.
Sugar Agreement Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1949.
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1948-49, together with Summary of Recommendations.
4. STATES GRANTS BILL (No. 2) 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 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 413) the Bill was read a third time.

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5. TEMPLE SOCIETY TRUST FUND 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—
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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

6. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. DEFENCE 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—
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. 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.

8. NAVAL DEFENCE 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 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. 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. LOAN (HOUSING) 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 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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 382) the Bill was read a third time.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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11. STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) 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 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.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

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 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.

Canberra, 19th October, 1949.

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

Mr. Deputy 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 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.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, by leave, was adopted by the House.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1949-50.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th October, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

14. STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) 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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini 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.

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15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIQUID FUEL (RATIONING) BILL 1949.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to ensure, so far as Commonwealth Legislative Power permits, a just and orderly Sharing of Liquid Fuel amongst the People of Australia while such Fuel is in short supply, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th October, 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.

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

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

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.