

1950.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 70.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Loan (Housing) Act 1950* " 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 Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 9th November, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Customs Tariff 1950* "

" *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1950* "

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, 11th November, 1950.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Darwin (Dame Enid Lyons) on the ground of ill health, and to the honorable Members for Forrest (Mr. Freeth), Gippsland (Mr. Bowden), Herbert (Mr. Edmonds), Newcastle (Mr. Watkins) and Phillip (Mr. Fitzgerald) owing to their absence from Australia. Question—put and passed.

4. CONTROL OF PRICES—CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the recent Conference between Commonwealth Ministers and State Prices Ministers on proposals for controlling prices. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Control of Prices—Conference, Melbourne, 10th November, 1950—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) 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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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 74.
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—No. 1 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—
 Report for year 1949-50.
 Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 72.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department of Works and Housing—E. C. Brown, E. B. Crimmins, C. E.
 Giese, D. C. O'Connor, R. Pullen, R. V. Sullivan.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 73.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 65.
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 75.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Kempsey, New South Wales.
 Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 76.
6. WOOL SALES DEDUCTION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1950.—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. Davidson 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1950.—
 Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

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 purpose of Financial Assistance to the States*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 14th November, 1950.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—
 No. 48—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; and Commonwealth
 Naval Storehousemen's Association.
 No. 49—Boilermaker's Society of Australia.
 No. 50—Hotel, Club, Restaurant and Caterers Employees' Union of New South Wales;
 and Federated Liquor and Allied Trades Employees' Union of Australasia.
 No. 51—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
 No. 52—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
 No. 53—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 54—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
 No. 55—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 No. 56—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 57—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 58—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 59—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 No. 60—Minister for Supply.
 No. 61—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at
 half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. G. Anderson,
 Mr. Beazley, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Bryson, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. Drakeford,
 Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Froeth*, Mr. E. James Harrison,
 Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. McCalm, Sir Earle Page,
 Mr. E. H. D. Russell*, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender*, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. B. M. Wight.

* On leave.

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