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 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 

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OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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 No. 79.
 

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FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. STATES GRANTS (MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN) BILL 1950.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), for Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), 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 in connexion with Provision by the States of Milk for School Children, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PORT AUGUSTA TO ALICE SPRINGS RAILWAY (ALTERATION OF ROUTE) BILL 1950.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), for Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Route of that part of the Port Augusta to Alice Springs Railway which lies between Stirling North and Brachina.  
Question—put and passed.
4. BRACHINA TO LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD RAILWAY BILL 1950.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), for Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, relating to the Construction of a Railway from Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield in the State of South Australia, to provide for the Construction of that Railway, and for purposes connected therewith.  
Question—put and passed.
5. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1950.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), for Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Beale 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. Beale moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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 (In the Committee.)
 

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Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 38.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 29th November, 1950.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adernann reported accordingly.

Mr. Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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 GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 39.*

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 in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents.

Canberra, 16th November, 1950.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) 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 in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adernann reported accordingly.

Mr. Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (IMPORTED HOUSES) BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 40.*

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 in connexion with the Importation of Houses into Australia.

Canberra, 24th October, 1950.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Casey (Minister for Works and Housing) 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 in connexion with the Importation of Houses into Australia.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Casey 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. Casey moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

9. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 48 agreed to.

Clause 49—

On the motion of Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the following amendments were made :—

Page 24, line 24, omit " sub-section ", insert " sub-sections ".

Page 24, after proposed new sub-section (5.) add the following sub-section :—

" (6.) In sections one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and fourteen A of this Act any reference to a member of the Forces includes a reference to a deceased member of the Forces and any reference to persons who are dependent on a member of the Forces includes a reference to a person who, but for the death of a member, would have been dependent on the member."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Francis, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) 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.

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

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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11. SUPERPHOSPHATE BOUNTY ACT REPEAL 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. WOOL PRODUCTS BOUNTY 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 266), the Bill was read a third time.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXPORT DUTIES).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) on the 29th November, 1950 (*see* page 266).  
Motion agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. McEwen moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen and Mr. Fadden do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXPORT DUTIES) BILL 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Export Duties of Customs*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. CUSTOMS BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

16. 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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17. **FLAX CANVAS BOUNTY 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.

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

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 265), the Bill was read a third time.

18. **TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1950.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 269), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—

No. 69—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 70—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

No. 71—Postmaster-General's Department State Heads of Branches Association.

No. 72—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Defence—J. I. Serman.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1950—No. 13—Liquor.

20. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. C. G. W. Anderson, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds\*, Mr. Falkinder\*, Mr. Fitzgerald\*, Mr. Freeth\*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison\*, Mr. Holloway\*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini\*, Mr. Leslie, Dame Enid Lyons\*, Mr. McBride, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Osborne, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Peters, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Watkins\*.

\* On leave.

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