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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1952.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Hanwood, New South Wales.
 National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1951-52.
 Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1952—
 No. 40—Instruments (New Guinea).
 No. 41—Companies (New Guinea).
 No. 42—Companies (Papua).
 No. 44—Stamp Duties.
 No. 45—Animals and Birds Protection.
 No. 46—Commerce (Trade Descriptions).
 No. 47—Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement).
 No. 48—Motor Vehicles Insurance.
 No. 50—Appropriation (No. 2) 1950-1951.
 No. 51—Appropriation 1951-1952.
 No. 52—Supply (No. 1) 1952-1953.
 No. 53—Auctioneers.
 No. 54—Customs Tariff (Papua).
 No. 55—Customs Tariff (New Guinea).
 No. 56—Exports (Control of Proceeds).
 No. 57—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua).
 No. 58—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea).
 No. 59—Customs (Cocoa Export) Tariff.
3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—COMMONWEALTH-OWNED SHIPS.—Mr. Drakeford having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The proposed sale of the Commonwealth Government-owned shipping line and the effect any such sale would have on the effective defence of Australia and its shipbuilding industry"—
 Mr. Speaker 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. Drakeford addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Mr. E. James Harrison rising to address the House—
 Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
 Question—put.
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Bate	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luccock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser			Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Bryson	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1952.—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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 390), the Bill was read a third time.

5. DISTILLATION BILL 1952.—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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. EXCISE BILL 1952.—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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to three 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Calwell, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.