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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 145.

FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1953.

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. DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY—REPLY TO ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the following reply to the Address of Condolence had been received by His Excellency the Governor-General from Her Majesty the Queen:—

“I sincerely thank the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia for the kind terms of the Message of sympathy which they have sent me on the death of Queen Mary.

ELIZABETH R.”

3. DALLEY ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Thursday, the 2nd April next, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Dalley, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the Honorable John Solomon Rosevear, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Nomination	Friday, 17th April, 1953.
Date of Polling	Saturday, 9th May, 1953.
Date of Return of Writ	On or before Saturday, 20th June, 1953.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[Supply Bill (No. 1) 1953-54]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 213.

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

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1953.

[Supply (Works and Services) Bill (No. 1) 1953-54]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 214.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1953.

[Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1952-53]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 215.

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

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1953,

27th March, 1953.

[*Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill (No. 2) 1952-53*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 216.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate that sum* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1953.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1951-52*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 217.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1953.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill 1951-52*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 218.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and Other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th March, 1953.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

[*Loan (Temporary Revenue Deficits) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 219.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make Provision with respect to Temporary Deficits in the Consolidated Revenue Fund* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th March, 1953, a.m.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports—

- Polishing Bobs or Wheels.
- Remote Controls for Cycles.
- Potassium Bicarbonate.
- Inferential Water Meters.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—H. T. U. Pember.

Defence Production—J. E. Dent, G. Frohlich, E. Jamieson.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1953—

- No. 6—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.
- No. 8—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
- No. 9—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.
- No. 10—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 12—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
- No. 13—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 15—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 16—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 17—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.
- No. 18—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Third Annual Report and financial accounts of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Board, for year 1951-52.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1948-49.

6. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent (a) the introduction and a motion for the second reading of a National Health Bill 1953 and (b) the Minister introducing the Bill from making his speech on the second reading without limitation of time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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7. QUEENSLAND TOBACCO LEAF MARKETING BOARD GUARANTEE BILL 1953.—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. W. M. Bourke 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 a later hour this day.
8. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* entry No. 6), That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of Pharmaceutical, Sickness and Hospital Benefits, and of Medical and Dental Services.
 Question—put and passed.
 Sir Earle Page 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.
 Sir Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. A. D. Fraser 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. QUEENSLAND TOBACCO LEAF MARKETING BOARD GUARANTEE BILL 1953.—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.

Mr. Pollard addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (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 Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Atomic Energy Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 220.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Atomic Energy*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

G. J. RANKIN,
 Deputy President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 27th March, 1953.

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 221.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1952’, as amended by the ‘Taxation Administration Act 1953’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

G. J. RANKIN,
 Deputy President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 27th March, 1953.

[*Commonwealth Employees’ Furlough Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 223.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Employees’ Furlough Act 1943-1951’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

G. J. RANKIN,
 Deputy President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 27th March, 1953.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 222.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Public Service Act 1922-1951 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27th March, 1953.

Ordered—That the Amendment 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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, clause 2, lines 9 to 14, leave out sub-clauses (1.) and (2.), insert the following sub-clause :—

" (1.) Sections five, ten, eleven, twelve and fourteen of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two."

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the House adopted the Report.

12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1953—
No. 14—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 19—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.
13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
15. 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 seventeen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Berry, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Calwell, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Treloar*.

* On leave.

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