

1954.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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—
  - Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1953–54.
  - Commonwealth Railways Act—Annual Report for year 1953–54.
  - Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 108.
  - Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 109.
  - Judiciary Act—Rule of Court dated 18th October, 1954.
  - Meat Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 111.
  - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—
    - 1953—No. 9 (Supply of Services Ordinance).
    - 1954—
      - No. 11 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).
      - No. 12 (Prisons Ordinance).
      - No. 13 (Supply of Services Ordinance).
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—
  - 8th November, 1954—*Message No. 27*—
    - Customs 1954.
    - Rayon Yarn Bounty 1954.
    - Flax Fibre Bounty 1954.
    - War Service Homes 1954.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
5. BROADCASTING BILL 1954.—Sir Philip McBride (Acting Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act* 1942–1953.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Philip McBride 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 Philip McBride moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1954.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Acquisition by the Commonwealth of Land required for Public Purposes and for dealing with Land so acquired, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Kent Hughes 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, REDFERN, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1954, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—Erection of Automatic Telephone Exchange Building at Redfern.  
Mr. Kent Hughes laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STUDIOS FOR AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1954*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz.:—Erection of New Studios for Australian Broadcasting Commission at Forbes-street, Sydney.

Question—put and passed.

9. DECLARATION OF STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1954 AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) declared that the Stevedoring Industry Bill 1954 was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

## NOES, 42.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Allotment of Time.*—Sir Eric Harrison then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

(a) For the Committee stage—

(i) to the end of Part II., until 5.15 p.m. this day,

(ii) remainder of Committee stage, until 5.50 p.m. this day.

(b) For the remaining stages, until 5.55 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson	

## NOES, 41.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

## (In the Committee.)

Part I. (clauses 1 to 3) and Part II. (clauses 4 to 8) considered as a whole, by leave.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment:— That clause 2 be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:—

“2.—(1.) Save as to sections six, seven and eight, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

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(2.) Sections six, seven and eight shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation but not before the expiration of fourteen days after the receipt by the Minister of the Report made under section eleven of this Act by the Committee of Inquiry.”

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., the Chairman (Mr. Adermann) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of Part II. had expired—

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

<b>AYES, 48.</b>				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
<b>NOES, 39.</b>				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That Part I. (clauses 1 to 3) and Part II. (clauses 4 to 8) be agreed to—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment :—Clause 11, page 4, sub-clause (1.), after paragraph (c) insert the following paragraph :—

“(ca) the profits made from stevedoring operations whether made—

- (i) by companies or other persons engaged solely or mainly in the stevedoring industry ;
- or
- (ii) by companies or other persons engaged wholly or partly in shipping operations and deriving their profits either directly or indirectly from stevedoring operations ;”.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At ten minutes to six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the remainder of the Committee stage had expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the report.

Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At five minutes to six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

<b>AYES, 47.</b>				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
<b>NOES, 39.</b>				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—

10th November, 1954—*Message No. 46—Cocos (Keeling) Islands (Request and Consent) 1954.*

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12. SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 1954.—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 9 agreed to.  
Clause 10 debated and agreed to.  
Clauses 11 to 23 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.
14. GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1954.—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. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
16. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1954.—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. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony\*, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey\*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden\*, Mr. Fairhall\*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Luck, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wight.

\* On leave.

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