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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1955.

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, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Commonwealth Committee on Rates of Depreciation—Report.
 - Commonwealth Committee on Taxation—Reports—
 - Depreciation.
 - Depreciation on Buildings.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Judiciary Act—Rule of Court dated 19th May, 1955 (Statutory Rules 1955, No. 34).
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Launceston, Tasmania.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Gympie, Queensland.
 - Wisanger (Kangaroo Island), South Australia.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Defence Production—B. M. Sprigg, E. D. Stock.
 - National Development—Z. Kalix.
 - Repatriation—P. M. Buckle, E. F. Ross.
 - Supply—D. M. Proudman.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1955—No. 17—Australian Workers' Union.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—
 - 4th June, 1955—*Message*—
 - No. 53—Hide and Leather Industries Legislation Repeal 1955.
 - No. 54—Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) 1955.
 - Social Services 1955.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—STEEL INDUSTRY.—Mr. Keon having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent necessity of ending the monopolistic control by the Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. of the steel manufacturing and of the iron ore resources of the Commonwealth in order to enable the urgent expansion of the steel industry to meet national requirements"—
 - 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. Keon addressed the House.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Several Members rising to address the House—
 - Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

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Question—put.

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luccock	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Tariff Board—Reports—
 Tariff Classification of Singer Sewing Machine 20.
 Vickers Tractor Control Units.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the following Order of the Day, General Business, viz. :—Matrimonial Causes Bill 1955—Second reading, being proceeded with forthwith.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
7. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL 1955.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 Mr. Joske 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Joske, the following amendment was made :—Page 2, lines 5–22, omit proposed sections 12A and 12B, insert the following sections :—

“ 12A.—(1.) Where a woman is resident in a State or Territory and has resided there for not less than three years immediately prior to the institution of proceedings under this Part, she may institute proceedings in any matrimonial cause in the Supreme Court of that State or Territory as though she were, or had been for any period required by the law of that State or Territory, domiciled in that State or Territory.

“(2.) The Supreme Court of each State is hereby invested with Federal jurisdiction, and jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Supreme Court of each Territory, to hear and determine matrimonial causes instituted under the last preceding sub-section.

“ 12B. The Supreme Court of a State shall exercise any jurisdiction with which it is invested, and the Supreme Court of a Territory shall exercise any jurisdiction which is conferred on it, by the last preceding section in accordance with the law of that State or Territory.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Joske, by leave, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Joske moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

8. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1955.—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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1955.—

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

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 amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948-1952*.

Canberra, 2nd June, 1955.

Ordered—That the 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.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948-1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1955.—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 again 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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. MARRIAGE (OVERSEAS) BILL 1955.—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. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1955.—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.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. REVIEW OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE—MOTION TO APPROVE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) :—That this House approves the Government's decision to accept the revised General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the proposed Agreement on the Organization for Trade Co-operation subject in either case to prior acceptance by the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States of America—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—

7th June, 1955—*Message*—

No. 74—Supply (No. 1) 1955–56 (*without requests*).

No. 75—Supply (Works and Services) (No. 1) 1955–56.

No. 76—Appropriation (No. 2) 1954–55 (*without requests*).

No. 77—Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1954–55.

No. 78—Supplementary Appropriation 1953–54 (*without requests*).

No. 79—Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) 1953–54.

No. 80—Judges' Remuneration 1955.

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

Mr. C. R. Cameron rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Allan, Mr. Beale, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies*, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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