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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1945-46, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Daly, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in August last, recommend that the following be printed :—

- Aluminium Industry Act—First Annual Report of the Australian Aluminium Production Commission, for period 1st May, 1945, to 30th June, 1946.
- International Labour Organization—Twenty-eighth Session, Seattle, June, 1946—
Reports of the Australian Government and Workers' Delegates.
- Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1944-45.
- Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-fifth Report, for year 1944-45.
- United Nations—Food and Agriculture Organization—Second Session, held at Copenhagen, September, 1946—Report of Australian Delegation.
- War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1945-46, together with statements and balance-sheet.

F. M. DALY,
Chairman.

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Mr. Daly moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Demobilization of the Australian Defence Forces, 1945-47—Report by the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction (the Honorable J. J. Dedman).
Nauru—
Native Administration Ordinance—Regulation.
Ordinance—1946—No. 2—Registration of Australian Patents.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 31.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Five Dock, New South Wales.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—
1947—No. 1—Liquor Poll.

5. AIR NAVIGATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Ratification on behalf of Australia of the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on the seventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
6. STRVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—
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 Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 8, clause 17, lines 28 to 30, leave out “and shall immediately confirm it, in writing, to the person to whom the oral direction was given”.
- No. 2.—Page 8, clause 19, line 43, after “order” insert “, under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1946*,”.
- No. 3.—Page 10, clause 25, add the following sub-clause:—
“(2.) The Commission may, for the purposes of this section, define the limits of any port.”.
- No. 4.—Page 10, clause 29, line 38, leave out “Where the Commission has reason to believe”, insert
“Upon a written complaint being made to the Commission”.
- No. 5.—Page 11, clause 29, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:—
“(1A.) The onus of proving any allegation contained in a complaint made to the Commission under the last preceding sub-section shall lie upon the person by whom the complaint was made.”.
- No. 6.—Page 12, leave out clause 31.
- No. 7.—Page 13, leave out clause 37.
- No. 8.—Page 15, clause 40, line 38, leave out “, thirty-seven”.
- No. 9.—Page 15, clause 40, lines 44 and 45, leave out “, thirty and thirty-seven”, insert “and thirty”.
- No. 10.—Page 16, clause 40, lines 10 to 15, leave out sub-clause (4.)
- Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.
Amendment No. 2 debated and agreed to.
Amendment No. 3 debated and agreed to.
Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.
Amendment No. 6 postponed until after Amendment No. 7.
Amendment No. 7 agreed to.
Postponed Amendment No. 6 agreed to.
Amendments Nos. 8 to 10 agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report.

7. AIR NAVIGATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to approve the Ratification on behalf of Australia of the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on the seventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Drakeford 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.
Clause 5 debated and agreed to.
Clause 6 debated and agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

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8. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Papers [*presented on the 26th February, 1947—see page 85*] be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Lang 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Spender, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.