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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

THURSDAY, 29TH MAY, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for further financial assistance in 1946-47 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the Constitution.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The international trade discussions now taking place, insofar as they relate to Australian export primary industries".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon 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. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Davidson be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Several Members rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Norfolk Island Act—Census Ordinance—Regulations.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Cloncurry, Queensland.

Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1947—No. 4—Census.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of next week.  
Question—put and passed.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 28.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Canberra, 27th May, 1947.

Ordered—That the foregoing 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.)*

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Dedman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Chifley 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.

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

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7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business.
8. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of certain Fortified Wine, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Pollard 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.  
Mr. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1946*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947*, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Dedman 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.  
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
10. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1947.—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.

Clause 11 debated—

Mr. Corser moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

Noes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Muleahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 17 agreed to.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr. White moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 3A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or any other Act affecting this Act, a pension may be granted to a parent of a deceased member of the Forces who was dependent upon the member at any time during the twelve months prior to his enlistment, or during his service, irrespective of whether the parent has adequate means of support.”

Debate ensued.

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The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 30TH MAY, 1947.

Debate continued.  
Proposed new clause negatived.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, after debate, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

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

[*United Kingdom Grant Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Australian National University Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Australian National University Act 1946’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Aliens Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

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

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Services Trust Funds Bill 1947*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to establish, from the profits and other assets of Canteens conducted within the Defence Force during the time of war which commenced on the Third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and from other sources, Trust Funds to be administered in the interests of servicemen, ex-servicemen and their dependants, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th May, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

12. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1947.—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.*)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 34 agreed to.

Clause 35 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 94 agreed to.

Clauses 95 to 105, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 106—

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That after paragraph (e) of the definition of “income” the following paragraph be inserted:—“(f) any pension received under the *Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920-1947* ;”.

Debate ensued.

29th and 30th May, 1947.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Francis		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Holt		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. Holloway	
		Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.  
Clause agreed to.  
Clauses 107 to 110 agreed to.  
Clause 111—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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