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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 143.

THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1948.

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

[*Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill 1948*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 139.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide Retirement Benefits for Members of the Permanent Defence Forces of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1948.

[*International Wheat Agreement Bill 1948*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 140.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of the International Wheat Agreement*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16th June, 1948.

3. OBJECTION TO SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to notice, That the Ruling of the Speaker—that the motion proposed to be moved by Mr. Holt was not a matter of privilege—be disagreed with (*see Entry No. 3 of Votes and Proceedings, page 311*).

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) 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 the next sitting.

4. NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Dame Enid Lyons :—

(1) That the formulation of a comprehensive national population policy can no longer be delayed, in view of Australia's responsibilities to herself and her relation to the outside world.

(2) That while neglecting no phase of the problem, whether social, psychological, economic or racial, such a policy, having regard to the general decline in the birth-rate, must place first emphasis upon the welfare of Australian women and children and the promotion of family life—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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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5. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
6. **CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1948.**—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 Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.  
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.  
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.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. **EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1948.**—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 Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals.  
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.  
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. Sheehy reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AIRPORT FOR HOBART.**—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—  
The establishment of a new airport for Hobart at Llanherne, Tasmania.  
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
9. **PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1948.**—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the placing of the Territory of New Guinea under the International Trusteeship System, to provide for the Government of the Territory of Papua and the Territory of New Guinea, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
11. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1948-49.**—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.)*

Schedule—

“ Department of External Affairs, £382,430 ”—further debated and agreed to.  
“ Department of the Treasury, £1,556,110 ”—debated and agreed to.  
“ Attorney-General’s Department, £228,590 ”—debated—

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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further debated and agreed to.  
“ Department of the Interior, £480,710 ”—agreed to.  
“ Department of Works and Housing, £825,980 ”—agreed to.

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- " Department of Civil Aviation, £1,250,790 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of Trade and Customs, £593,870 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of Health, £128,430 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £325,270 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of Social Services, £333,310 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of Shipping and Fuel, £819,080 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of External Territories, £22,980 "—agreed to.  
 " Department of Immigration, £608,500 "—debated and agreed to.  
 " Department of Labour and National Service, £505,890 "—agreed to.  
 " Department of Transport, £20,440 "—agreed to.  
 " Department of Information, £135,810 "—agreed to.  
 " Department of Post-war Reconstruction, £282,190 "—agreed to.  
 " Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges—  
     ' Defence and Service Departments, £16,774,000 ',  
     ' Supply and Development, £2,823,000 ',  
     ' Re-establishment and Repatriation, £10,517,000 ',  
     ' International Relief and Rehabilitation, £567,000 ',  
     ' Subsidies, £8,668,000 ',  
     ' Miscellaneous, £651,000 '—  
 debated and agreed to.  
 " Miscellaneous Services, £172,430 "—agreed to.  
 " War (1914-18) Services, £424,470 "—agreed to.  
 " Commonwealth Railways, £618,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Postmaster-General's Department, £11,433,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Northern Territory, £357,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Australian Capital Territory, £289,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Papua-New Guinea, £833,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Norfolk Island, £1,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Refunds of Revenue, £4,000,000 "—agreed to.  
 " Advance to the Treasurer, £9,000,000 "—agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 547), the Bill was read a third time.

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

[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 141.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 17th June, 1948.

[*Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1947-48*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 142.

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 forty-eight, and to appropriate that sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 17th June, 1948.

13. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1948.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories), pursuant to leave given on the 17th June, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve the placing of the Territory of New Guinea under the International Trusteeship System, to provide for the Government of the Territory of Papua and the Territory of New Guinea, and for other purposes*", 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.

14. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 1) 1948-49.—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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 551) the Bill was read a third time.

15. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL 1948.—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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 553) the Bill was read a third time.

16. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1948.—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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. H.M.A.S. Sydney REPLACEMENT FUND BILL 1948.—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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. PRIMARY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES REPEAL BILL 1948.—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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 1948.—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—  
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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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20. QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS BILL 1948.—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.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Daly	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Corser
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Johnson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS BILL 1948.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

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

*Message No. 84.*

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 approve the purchase by the Commonwealth of certain shares in Qantas Empire Airways Limited and subscription by the Commonwealth to issues of capital by that Company, and for other purposes.  
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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. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the purchase by the Commonwealth of certain shares in Qantas Empire Airways Limited and subscription by the Commonwealth to issues of capital by that Company, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Drakeford, by leave, was adopted by the House.

22. QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS BILL 1948.—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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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23. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1948.—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—  
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. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1946-47.—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, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 565) the Bill was read a third time.

25. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1946-47.—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—  
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. Sheehan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 565) the Bill was read a third time.

26. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—  
Nos. 169-171.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—No. 36—  
Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3323-3325.  
National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.

27. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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 meeting.  
Question—put and passed.
28. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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.
29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past seven o'clock in the morning, 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Langtry, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

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

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## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following Messages from the Senate, returning Bills without amendment or requests, were received after the adjournment of the House on the 18th June, 1948:—

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 143.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 144.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

[*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1948-49*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 145.

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 forty-nine*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

[*Supply (Works and Services) Bill (No. 1) 1948-49*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 146.

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 forty-nine, 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.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

[*Western Australia Grant Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 147.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

[*Apple and Pear Organization Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 148.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938-1947'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

[*Qantas Empire Airways Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 149.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve the purchase by the Commonwealth of certain Shares in Qantas Empire Airways Limited and subscription by the Commonwealth to issues of Capital by that Company, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE—*continued.*[*H.M.A.S. Sydney Replacement Fund Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 150.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Expenditure of the Moneys standing to the credit of the H.M.A.S. Sydney Replacement Fund*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Primary Produce Export Charges Repeal Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to repeal the ‘Primary Produce Export Organization Act 1935’ and the ‘Primary Produce Export Charges Act 1935-1938’, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Weights and Measures (National Standards) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 152.

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

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Commonwealth Public Service Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain employees of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1946-47*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 154.

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 forty-seven*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1946-47*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 155.

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 forty-seven, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th June, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.



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## MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 18th June, 1948:—

### ASSENT TO BILLS.

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 35.*

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- " *International Wheat Agreement Act 1948* "
- " *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1948* "
- " *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1947-48* "
- " *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1948* "
- " *Excise Tariff Validation Act 1948* "
- " *Western Australia Grant Act 1948* "
- " *Apple and Pear Organization Act 1948* "
- " *Primary Produce Export Charges Repeal Act 1948* "
- " *Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act 1948* "
- " *Qantas Empire Airways Act 1948* "

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 24th June, 1948.

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 86.*

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- " *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948* "
- " *Supply Act (No. 1) 1948-49* "
- " *Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 1) 1948-49* "
- " *H.M.A.S. Sydney Replacement Fund Act 1948* "

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*Message No. 87.*

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# PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACT FROM THE *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 120, DATED 5TH AUGUST, 1948.

## PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit.  
 W. J. MCKELL  
 Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

**WHEREAS** by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and may also from time to time, by Proclamation or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament :

Now therefore I, William John McKell, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the Parliament until Wednesday, the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, or (in the event of circumstances arising, at present unforeseen, which render it expedient that the Parliament should be summoned to assemble at a date earlier than the said Wednesday, the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight) to such earlier date as fixed by a Proclamation summoning the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business :

Furthermore I do appoint the said Wednesday, the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, or such earlier date (if any) as is fixed by Proclamation, as the day for the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as Parliament House, Canberra, at three o'clock in the afternoon, on the said Wednesday, the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, or, in the event of any earlier date being fixed by Proclamation, at three o'clock in the afternoon on the date so fixed.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth at Canberra, this fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and in the twelfth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. B. CHIFLEY,  
 Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE KING !