

1948.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 50.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1948* ”

“ *Income Tax 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 November, 1948.

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Tuberculosis 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 Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 25th November, 1948.

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Wheat Tax (Repeal and Refund) Act 1948* ”

“ *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1948* ”

“ *Wheat Export Charge Act 1948* ”

“ *Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1948* ”

“ *Social Services Contribution Act 1948* ”

“ *Western Australia Grant (Water Supply) Act 1948* ”

“ *War Gratuity Appropriation Act 1948* ”

“ *Loan (Housing) 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, 25th November, 1948.

30th November, 1948.

4. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott,
George James Bowden, Esquire,
Thomas Patrick Burke, Esquire,
Henry Baynton Somer Gullett, Esquire,
James William Hadley, Esquire,
William Joseph Hutchinson, Esquire,
The Honorable Hubert Peter Lazzarini,
Daniel Mulcahy, Esquire,
George James Rankin, Esquire,
Rupert Sumner Ryan, Esquire,
Thomas Sheehan, Esquire,
Thomas Neil Sheehy, Esquire, and
David Oliver Watkins, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Speaker.

5. MR. SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Speaker, the Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to relieve him temporarily in the Chair.
Question—put and passed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—
No. 83—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.
No. 84—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
Nos. 85 and 86—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Health—J. Entwistle.
Interior—B. Bradshaw, J. E. Fewins, K. P. Lynch.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Mannibadar, Victoria.
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1947–48.

7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MULTI-STORY BLOCK AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS AT MACLEOD REPATRIATION TUBERCULAR SANATORIUM, MELBOURNE.—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 erection of a multi-story block and associated buildings at the Macleod Repatriation Tubercular Sanatorium, Melbourne.

Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table drawings in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.

8. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Dedman asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. JUDGES' PENSIONS 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,

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—JUDGES' PENSIONS 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. 21.*

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 make provision for Pensions for Judges of Courts established under laws of the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of such Judges, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 16th November, 1948.

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. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for Pensions for Judges of Courts established under laws of the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of such Judges, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

11. JUDGES' PENSIONS 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.)

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 8, omit " is or has been a Judge ", insert " is a Judge or was, immediately prior to his death, in receipt of a pension under section six of this Act ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated—

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That the words " , unless the Governor-General otherwise decides, be payable to a Judge, or to the widow and children of a Judge, who has been removed under section seventy-two of the Constitution " (page 5, lines 1-4) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—" be payable to a Judge who has been removed under section seventy-two of the Constitution on the ground of misbehaviour being proved misdemeanour or felony under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State ".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—**put**.

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

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
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Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

13. WHALING 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. Clark 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.

14. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 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.

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(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. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, omit paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph :—

“(a) by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

“(1.) Every dwelling house in which the Director has an interest, and all building material on the site of, and for use in the erection of, a dwelling house in which the Director has or will have an interest, shall be insured as prescribed against fire and prescribed risks.”; and ”.

Page 2, omit paragraph (c).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

16. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 8 further debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mrs. Blackburn moved, as an amendment, That after “ father ” (page 5, line 3) the words “ or mother ” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mrs. Blackburn moved, as an amendment, That after “ father ” (page 5, line 7) the words “ or mother ” be inserted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Information) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Blain, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White and Mr. Williams.

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