

1950.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 65.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—  

W. J. MCKELL,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 24.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—  
“ War Pensions Appropriation Act 1950 ”  
“ Supply Act (No. 2) 1950-51 ”  
“ Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 2) 1950-51 ”  
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, 30th October, 1950.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Grey (Mr. E. H. D. Russell), on the ground of ill health.  
Question—put and passed.
4. FLYING TRAINING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. White (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the arrangements made by the Royal Australian Air Force, the Department of Civil Aviation, and Aero Clubs for stimulating interest in and carrying out flying training.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Australian Wool Board—Fourteenth Annual Report, for year 1949-50.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1949-50, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Darra, Queensland.  
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1949-50.
6. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Calwell proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely,  
“ The failure of the Government to take adequate steps to promote a complete scheme of national health and medical services and to inform Parliament of the proposals, if any, it may have in mind in connexion with the implementation of such a scheme ”—  
Mr. Deputy 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. Calwell moved. That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.

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Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.

Closure.—Sir Earle Page moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

**AYES, 57.**

Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Handby	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett

**NOES, 35.**

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

**AYES, 36.**

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

**NOES, 59.**

Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Osborne	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
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Mr. Corser	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley	

And so it was negatived.

7. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1950.—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. Deputy 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. Ryan reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICES) BILL 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Prices", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 1st November, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

1st November, 1950.

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Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. A. G. Cameron\*, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Grayden, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison\*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons\*, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. E. H. D. Russell\*, Mr. Spender\*, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Thompson and Mr. B. M. Wight.

\* On leave.

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