

1950.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 67.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met at fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—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. 25.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1950*" 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, 3rd November, 1950.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd November, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

4. OPENING OF NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS, WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Resolution which was passed on the 24th October in connexion with the Opening of the New House of Commons had been acknowledged by the Speaker of that House in the following terms :—

"Dear Mr. Speaker,

30th October, 1950.

I received with grateful thanks your letter of the 25th October conveying to me the Resolution passed by the Commonwealth House of Representatives on the 24th October on the occasion of the opening of the new Chamber of the House of Commons.

I read your letter out in the House of Commons where it was received with enthusiasm.

On behalf of all Members I send cordial greetings to all Members of the Commonwealth Parliament in Australia.

Yours sincerely,
D. Clifton Brown,
Speaker."

Mr. Deputy Speaker also informed the House of the text of a Resolution passed by the House of Commons on the 26th October as follows :—

"That this House welcomes the Speakers, Presiding Officers and other representatives of the countries of the British Commonwealth and Empire who have come from overseas to join in the ceremonies on the occasion of the opening of the new Chamber; expresses its thanks to their Legislatures and peoples for the generous gifts with which the Chamber is adorned and assures them that their presence on this day will be a source of inspiration in the years to come."

7th November, 1950.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Health—R. H. Farrant.
 Interior—B. J. Grant.
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—
 Orders—Inventions and designs (2).
 Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1950—
 No. 22—Ratavul Lands.
 No. 23—Dog (Papua).
 No. 24—Fire Brigades.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—
 Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £13,900

be agreed to.

Mr. Sheehan moved, That the Deputy Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 23.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Davies	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward	Mr. Sheehan

NOES, 54.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Pittard
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Menzies	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Corser	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Closure.—Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the first item be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £451,000"—agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. C. G. W. Anderson, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Bate, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bostock, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Handby, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. E. H. D. Russell*, Mr. Spender*, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. B. M. Wight.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.