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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Franklin (Mr. Falkinder) on the ground of ill health. Question—put and passed.
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 Werriwa (Mr. Lazzarini), on the ground of ill health. Question—put and passed.
4. 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. 32.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*States Grants (Additional Tax Reimbursement) 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, 20th November, 1950.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—B. E. Christophers.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow. Question—put and passed.
7. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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.
 Mr. White (Minister for Air) 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 a later hour this day.
8. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 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.
 Mr. Daly 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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9. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Calwell moved, That Mr. Robertson be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McDonald reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 252), the Bill was read a third time.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four 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. Beale, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Gullett, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lazzarini*, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. Opperman, Mr. E. H. D. Russell*, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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