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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 83.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron), took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and for purposes connected therewith*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Life Insurance Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Life Insurance Act 1945’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*States Grants (Imported Houses) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Importation of Houses into Australia*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Services Trust Funds Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 78.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Services Trust Funds Act 1947’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield Railway Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, relating to the Construction of a Railway from Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield in the State of South Australia, to provide for the Construction of that Railway, and for purposes connected therewith*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Port Augusta to Alice Springs Railway (Alteration of Route) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Route of that part of the Port Augusta to Alice Springs Railway which lies between Stirling North and Brachina*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Wool (Contributory Charge) Bill (No. 1A) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950’, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Wool (Contributory Charge) Bill (No. 2A) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950’, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Bill (No. 2) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945’, as amended by the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1950’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

[*Superannuation Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 85.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Superannuation Act 1922-1948’, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to revise the Statute Law of the Commonwealth*”.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

8th December, 1950.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATES GRANTS (MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN) BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 84.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Provision by the States of Milk for School Children, and for other purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th December, 1950, a.m.

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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows:—

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, clause 2, line 7, leave out “or crèche”, insert “, crèche or aboriginal mission”.

Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony, the House adopted the Report.

5. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Calwell 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.

6. CONFLICT IN KOREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the present position of the campaign in Korea and matters connected therewith.

Mr. Evatt, by leave, also made a Statement.

7. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Handby	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar	Mr. Gullett

## NOES, 17.

Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward	Mr. G. Anderson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor		Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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8. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
 Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 46.*

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1950”  
 “Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

10. INTERIM FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. White (Minister for Air) moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (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.

12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1949-50.

13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (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 sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past one o'clock p.m., 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. Andrews, Mr. Bate, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bostock, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Bryson, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Corser, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds\*, Mr. Falkinder\*, Mr. Fitzgerald\*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Freeth\*, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison\*, Mr. Holloway\*, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini\*, Dame Enid Lyons\*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Opperman, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pittard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins\*, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. B. M. Wight.

\* On leave.

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

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