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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 58.

THURSDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Peters proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The increased volume and cost of importations permitted by the Government which has caused unemployment in the manufacturing industries and a serious reduction in our overseas funds"—
Mr. 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. Peters moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Peters be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.
3. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 ("Grievance Day"—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for the next sitting.
4. WAR SERVICE HOMES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning the deferment of assistance under the War Service Homes Act for the purchase of existing properties which are other than newly-constructed homes. Mr. Townley then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
War Service Homes—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Springvale, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Defence—K. E. F. Millar.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
7. FISHERIES BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
8. PEARL FISHERIES BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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. **MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1952.**—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—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann 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.—MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1952.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 50.

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 determine the number of the Ministers of State and to make provision for their Salaries and Allowances.

Canberra, 20th February, 1952.

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. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to determine the number of the Ministers of State and to make provision for their Salaries and Allowances.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

11. **MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1952.**—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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. **PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.**—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—
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—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

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 relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament,

Canberra, 20th February, 1952.

28th February, 1952.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

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 an amendment to be moved by the Prime Minister in a Bill for an Act relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament.

Canberra, 27th February, 1952.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved the following motions :—

- (1) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament.
- (2) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Prime Minister in a Bill for an Act relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

14. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—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 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), the following amendment was made :—Page 3, lines 32-35, omit sub-clause (2.), insert the following sub-clauses :—

“(2.) There is payable to the Government Whip in the House of Representatives an allowance at the rate of Three hundred and twenty-five pounds a year.

“(3.) There is payable to the Whip in the House of Representatives of each recognized political party which has not less than ten members in that House, but not including the Government Whip, an allowance at the rate of Two hundred and seventy-five pounds a year.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

15. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

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 amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 20th February, 1952.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1948*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed : Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

17. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—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.)

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. Menzies (Prime Minister) the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—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—

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. Menzies (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 8 and 9 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10, Government Business.
20. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 77.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 77 requesting the concurrence of the House in the Senate's modifications of the resolutions transmitted to the Senate by the House for the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs—

The House proceeded to consider the Senate's modifications, which are as follows :—

(a) that after resolution No. 2 the following resolution be inserted :

“ That the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions.”

(b) that the following provision for quorums be substituted for resolution No. 4 (d) :

“(d) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;

(ii) three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.”

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), the modifications were agreed to, after debate.

21. SECURITY TREATY (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1952.—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. Graham 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.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. C. R. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one 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. Bland, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Costa, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Wight.

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