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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 52.

TUESDAY, 17TH MAY, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Blaxland (Mr. E. James Harrison) and the honorable Member for Cunningham (Mr. Davies), on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Report, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions.
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1954—
No. 14 (Mining Ordinance).
No. 15 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).
No. 17 (Traffic Ordinance).
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—
1953—
No. 2—Drugs 1952.
No. 80—Appropriation 1953-54.
No. 94—Ordinances Interpretation (No. 2).
No. 95—Quarantine.
No. 96—Infanticide.
1954—
No. 6—Explosives 1953.
No. 9—Liquor (Natives) 1953.
No. 31—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).
No. 34—Parliamentary Papers.
No. 38—Police Offences (New Guinea).
No. 39—Police Offences (Papua).
No. 40—Sale of Meat.
No. 41—Fees (Surcharge).
No. 42—Workers' Compensation.
No. 45—Native Women's Protection.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—J. E. Wheeler.
Defence Production—D. G. Cooke.
Postmaster-General—P. J. Keane.
Repatriation—M. D. Margetts.
Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1953-54.
Wool Products Bounty Act—Fifth Annual Report, for 1954.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Cramer (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed removal of the Dual Purpose Jetty at Townsville, Queensland.
Ordered to be printed.

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5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NORTHERN TERRITORY—PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S CHAIR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a copy of the Resolution passed by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory on the occasion of the presentation of a President's Chair by the Commonwealth Parliament. The Resolution was as follows :—

“ We, the Members of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory, in Council assembled, express our thanks to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Chair which they have presented to this Council for the use of its President in the new Chamber.

Their interest in the development of the Territory and the welfare of its people was evidenced when, by enactment of the Commonwealth Parliament, this Council was established, and we accept this generous gift as a further earnest of their continuing concern. It will stand as a connecting link between the two assemblies and will long be treasured by the Council as an historic possession.

We were proud to receive the members of the Delegation by whose hand the presentation was made and were glad to welcome them in Darwin. We ask them to convey our greetings to their colleagues in the Commonwealth Parliament.”.

6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—OVERSEAS SHIPPING FREIGHTS.—Mr. Keon having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “ The urgent necessity of immediate action to prevent the exploitation of Australian exporters and importers by overseas shipping interests ”—

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. Keon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 29.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, REDFERN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—The erection of a new automatic telephone exchange at Redfern, New South Wales.

Question—put and passed.

8. STUDIOS FOR AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—The erection of new Australian Broadcasting Commission studios at Forbes-street, Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. WATER SUPPLY STORAGE SYSTEM, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—The provision of a water supply storage system at Canberra.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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10. MOLONGLO RIVER BRIDGE, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1953, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—The construction of a new bridge over the Molonglo River at Canberra.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11. CRIMES BILL 1955.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated—

Mr. Haylen rising to address the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 51.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 25.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Edmonds
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 49.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 25.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Edmonds
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of 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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1955.—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.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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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.

13. WINE RESEARCH BILL 1955.—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.)

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 Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1955.—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 by Mr. Haylen who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn to enable the Amending Agreement to be revised with a view to providing that the minimum deposit on sales on terms shall be 5 per cent. of the purchase consideration, and that interest on purchase money outstanding shall be at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum computed on the monthly balance, and that the maximum advance be £3,500".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Thompson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison 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, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Tellers:
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Andrews, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Bryson, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Crean, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fuller, Mr. E. James Harrison*, Mr. Joshua, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Webb and Mr. Whitlam.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.