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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 102.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Income Tax Bill (No. 2) 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 152.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Act 1942'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st October, 1942, a.m.

[*War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Bill 1942*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1941'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st October, 1942, a.m.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1941', as amended by the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1942', 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.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st October, 1942, a.m.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1940-41.

Papua—Report for year 1940-41.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Fund Act—Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1941-42 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey and P. S. Watson Bequests, and the Commonwealth Public Service Patriotic Fund, South Australia).

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5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Abbott rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposed plan and actions of the Minister for War Organization of Industry with regard to the rationalization of the Australian wool growing industry, and the necessity for the appointment of a representative advisory committee".
- Mr. Speaker thereupon 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. Abbott moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Ordered—That Mr. Abbott be granted an extension of time.
- Debate ensued.
- Ordered—That Mr. Collins 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. 257B.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 154.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act 1922-1937', and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st October, 1942.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion, Government Business.
8. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 1) 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1940*.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

9. STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER ADOPTION BILL 1942.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Commonwealth Legislation, to obviate Delays occurring in its Passage, and to effect certain related purposes, by adopting certain Sections of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, as from the Commencement of the War between His Majesty the King and Germany.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Evatt then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (WAR AIMS AND RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 1942.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws for the purpose of carrying into effect the war aims and objects of Australia as one of the United Nations, including the attainment of economic security and social justice in the post-war world, and for the purpose of post-war reconstruction generally.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Evatt then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 1) 1942.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 155.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930-1940'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st October, 1942.

1st October, 1942.

12. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1942.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—

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 13, clause 15, line 6, leave out " in writing ".

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

14. BLACK MARKETING BILL 1942.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—

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 3, clause 4, line 17, at the end of sub-clause (4.) add the words " and advice from a Committee appointed by the Attorney-General and consisting of a representative of the Department administered by that Minister, a representative of the Attorney-General's Department and a representative of the branch of the Department of Trade and Customs known as the Prices Branch ".

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the Amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

15. WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT BILL 1942.—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule—

Mr. Menzies moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-regulation be inserted in regulation 5 :—

" (2A.) The representative of the Commonwealth shall be a person who has, for a period of at least twelve months before appointment, been engaged in production in a managerial capacity."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-regulation proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Sir George Bell	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Collins	Mr. Price	Mr. Breen	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt	Mr. Spooner	Mr. Clark	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hughes	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Marwick	Mr. Corser	Mr. Frost	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Martens

And so it was negatived.

1st October, 1942.

Sir Frederick Stewart moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-regulation be inserted in regulation 5 :—

“(2A.) One of the representatives of employees shall be a woman.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-regulation proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Badman	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Sir George Bell	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson	Mr. Breen	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Price	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Francis	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner	Mr. Clark	Mr. Sheehan
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Mr. Marwick	Mr. Guy	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Martens

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 5, regulation 6, sub-regulation (5.), after “reference to” insert “such factors as it thinks fit and in particular to”.

Mr. Holt moved, as a further amendment, That regulation 12 (page 6) be omitted and the following regulation inserted in place thereof :—

“12. No rate of payment to be made in accordance with a decision of the Board in pursuance of regulation 6 or regulation 7 of these Regulations shall apply in respect of any female prior to the date of making that decision, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are special circumstances which make it desirable in the public interest that the payment should operate from any earlier date.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), the following further amendment was made :—

Page 6, omit regulation 12, insert the following regulation :—

“12. Any rate of payment to be made in accordance with a decision, order or interpretation given or made by the Board in pursuance of these Regulations shall apply in respect of the work done by any female as on and from such date (whether before or after the commencement of these Regulations, but, where that rate is less than the rate payable immediately prior to the date of the decision, order or interpretation, not earlier than that date, and in any event, not earlier than the second day of March, 1942) as the Board specifies, but any payment made to that female in respect of the work prior to the date of the decision, order or interpretation of the Board shall be set off against any payment to be made under the decision, order or interpretation.”.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Beck, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Coles, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McCall, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.