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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 127.

TUESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Calwell, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Cameron 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.
3. REPATRIATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the decision of the Government to provide repatriation benefits additional to those provided by the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill at present before the House.
4. TEXTILE INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the recent temporary stoppage of work in the textile industry and the decision to resume work.
5. SOLDIERS CONTRACTING MALARIA WHILE ON LEAVE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the procedure followed in cases where soldiers on leave contract malaria.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—National Security Act—National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Notice—Returns of vegetable seeds.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 3rd March, 1943) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Drugs and Chemicals, viz. :—Citronellal ; Eucalyptol ; Phellandrene ; Piperitone ; Terpineol.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.
National Security Act—
National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—Victoria (Nos. 9, 10).
National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Order—Regulation of engagement of employees—Exemptions.
National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Orders—Public authorities (4).
7. NATIONAL WELFARE FUND BILL 1943.—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.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beck	Sir Earle Page
Sir George Ball	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Holt	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hutchinson	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Jolly	
Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McCall	Mr. Guy
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Marwick

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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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—

Sir Frederick Stewart moved, as an amendment, That all words after "forty-three)" to the end of the clause (page 2, lines 5-8) be omitted with a view to inserting the words "such sums as are necessary to meet the cost of social services approved by the Parliament" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 24.
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Beck
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod	Sir George Bell
Mr. Breen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Cameron
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Francis
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Harrison
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Holt
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward	Mr. Jolly
Mr. Forde	Mr. Wilson	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Frost		Mr. McCall
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Nairn
		Sir Earle Page
		Mr. Paterson
		Mr. Rankin
		Mr. Spender
		Mr. Spooner
		Mr. Stacey
		Sir Frederick Stewart
		<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Guy
		Mr. Marwick

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

"(2.) For the purposes of this section, the amount received as income tax from persons, other than companies, in any financial year during which the *States Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942* is in operation, shall be deemed to be the total amount so received less Twenty-one million pounds."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 11, after "made" insert "from the Fund".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 470), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Abbott, Mr. Badman, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Collins, Mr. Corser, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Falstein, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Price, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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