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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 132.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
Question—put and passed.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 - Appointment—Department of External Affairs—D. W. McNicol.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 124.
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 117.
 - Dairying Industry Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 119.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
 - Doncaster, Victoria.
 - Homebush, New South Wales.
5. FORESTRY AND TIMBER BUREAU BILL 1946.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to leave given on the 25th July, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Forestry Bureau Act 1930-1944'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Anthony 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.
6. RAILWAY STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT BILL 1946.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia in relation to the Standardization of certain Railways, to approve of the Raising of Loans for Defence purposes (namely, the Standardization of those Railways), and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.

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7. IMMIGRATION (GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN) BILL 1946.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to leave given on the 11th July, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to make provision for and in connexion with the Guardianship of certain Children from outside Australia* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Calwell moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Dame Enid Lyons 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. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1), AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1933-1939* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, duties of customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff 1933-1939* as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (150) of sub-item (M) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(150) Sawing Machines, hot; Sawing Machines, friction - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
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DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

371. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 371. Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of— (A) the Governor-General or any member of his family - - - - - (B) a member of the staff of the Governor-General, provided that that member is not an Australian citizen - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
372. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 372. Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of— (A) a State Governor or any member of his family - - - - - (B) a member of the staff of a State Governor, provided that that member is not an Australian citizen - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”
373. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 373. (A) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of— (1) the diplomatic representative in the Commonwealth of any foreign country - - - - - (2) The High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of any part of the King's dominions - - - - - (3) the official representative (not being a High Commissioner) in the Commonwealth of a part of the King's dominions, being a citizen of that part - - - - - (4) a consular representative in the Commonwealth of any foreign country, provided that that consular representative is a citizen of the country he represents and is not otherwise engaged in any business, occupation or profession - - - - - (5) a Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth of any British or foreign country, provided that that Trade Commissioner is a citizen of the country he represents and is not otherwise engaged in any business, occupation or profession - - - - -	Free	Free	Free

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—continued.			
373—continued.			
" 373. (A) Articles, &c.—continued.			
(6) a member of the staff of any person mentioned in paragraphs (1) to (5) (both inclusive) of this sub-item, provided that that member is a citizen of the country represented -	Free	Free	Free
(7) a member of the family of any person mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this sub-item -	Free	Free	Free
The Minister may determine that the application of this sub-item in relation to any country shall be conditional on that country granting freedom from customs duty to the representatives of the Commonwealth holding corresponding positions in that country, to their families, and to members of their staffs (being Australian citizens)			
(D) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of the representative in the Commonwealth of a British or foreign country, not being a citizen of the country represented, and declared as being for such official use, subject to the approval of the Minister -	Free	Free	Free "
393. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (b) Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Embroidery Silks and Artificial Silks ; Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Embroidery Silk Twists ; Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Embroidery Artificial Silk Twists ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent."

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1939 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, duties of excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1939 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
1. By adding at the end of item 1 the following words :— "For the purposes of this item beer means any fermented liquor brewed from a mash of malted or other grains or extracts from malted or other grains, and sugars or glucose or both sugars and glucose, with or without hops or other vegetable bitters."	
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (q) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (q) Spirit for use in Public Hospitals, or for use in the manufacture of Medicinal Preparations for use in Public Hospitals, subject to Regulations -	Free "
3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (b) Amylic Alcohol and Fusel Oil, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free "
4. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (b) Saccharin for all medicinal purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free "
10. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (b) Articles which are owned (prior to clearance for home consumption) by, and are for the personal or official use of— (1) the Governor-General or any member of his family (2) a member of the staff of the Governor-General, provided that that member is not an Australian citizen - - -	Free Free "
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (c) Articles which are owned (prior to clearance for home consumption) by, and are for the personal or official use of— (1) a State Governor or any member of his family (2) a member of the staff of a State Governor, provided that that member is not an Australian citizen - - -	Free Free "

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
10.—continued.	
By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :—	
“(D) Articles which are owned (prior to clearance for home consumption) by, and are for the personal or official use of—	
(1) the diplomatic representative in the Commonwealth of any foreign country	Free
(2) the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of any part of the King's dominions	Free
(3) the official representative (not being a High Commissioner) in the Commonwealth of a part of the King's dominions, being a citizen of that part	Free
(4) a consular representative in the Commonwealth of any foreign country, provided that that consular representative is a citizen of the country he represents and is not otherwise engaged in any business, occupation or profession	Free
(5) a Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth of any British or foreign country, provided that that Trade Commissioner is a citizen of the country he represents and is not otherwise engaged in any business, occupation or profession	Free
(6) a member of the staff of any person mentioned in paragraphs (1) to (5) (both inclusive) of this sub-item, provided that that member is a citizen of the country represented	Free
(7) a member of the family of any person mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this sub-item	Free
The Minister may determine that the application of this sub-item in relation to any country shall be conditional on that country granting freedom from excise duty to the representatives of the Commonwealth holding corresponding positions in that country, to their families, and to members of their staffs (being Australian citizens)”	
By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows :—	
“(E) Petroleum or Shale Products, viz. :—Petrol, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Naphtha, Pentane and any other petroleum or shale spirit, having a flash point of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus—being for the official use of representatives in Australia of British possessions or foreign countries who are not citizens of the country they represent, and declared as being for such official use, subject to the approval of the Minister	Free”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 12th July, 1946 (see pages 400–2), and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—That paragraph 1 be postponed.

Question—That paragraph 1 be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy

Noes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehy

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed : Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Holloway do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. INCOME TAX BILL 1946.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS—SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 12th July, 1946 (*see pages 402-3*).

Dame Enid Lyons moved, That paragraph 3 be postponed.

Question—That paragraph 3 be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 22.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. James
Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehy

And so it was negatived.

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

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Holloway do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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12. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1946.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Contribution Act 1945’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Lazzarini moved, 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. Martens reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1946.—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. Martens reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL 1946.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. WIDOWS' PENSIONS BILL 1946.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1946.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments 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 Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, after “ Division 1.—Establishment and Constitution of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia).”, insert “ Division 1A.—The Service of the Commission.”.
 No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, after the definition of “ Commissioner ” insert the following definition :—
 “ ‘ officer ’ means officer of the Commission ; ”.

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No. 3.—Page 6, after clause 17 insert the following heading :—

“ Division 1A. The Service of the Commission.”

No. 4.—Page 6, clause 18, line 45, leave out “ a clerical ”, insert “ an ”.

No. 5.—Page 7, clause 18, line 16, leave out “ section ”, insert “ Division ”.

No. 6.—Page 7, clause 18, lines 17 and 18, leave out “ (including conditions with respect to punishment for breaches of discipline) ”.

No. 7.—Page 8, clause 18, lines 14 and 15, leave out “ and has been so exclusively or mainly engaged for a period of three years,”.

No. 8.—Page 8, clause 18, line 17, after “ conditions ”, insert “ (subject to this Division) ”.

No. 9.—Page 8, after clause 18 insert the following new clauses :—

“ 18A.—(1.) The Commission may, from time to time, create any position in the Service of the Commission and may abolish any such position. Creation, abolition and reclassification of positions.

“ (2.) The Commission may, from time to time, reclassify any position in the Service of the Commission by raising or lowering the salary, or the range of salary, applicable to the position.

“ (3.) Whenever any position is reclassified the position shall be deemed to be vacant.

“ 18B. The Commission may transfer or promote an officer to fill a vacant position in the Service of the Commission. Filling of vacant positions.

“ 18C.—(1.) In the selection of an officer for promotion to a vacant position, consideration shall be given first to the relative efficiency of the officers available for promotion and, in the event of equality of efficiency of two or more officers, then to the relative seniority of those officers. Selection of officers for promotion.

“ (2.) For the purposes of this section—

(a) ‘ efficiency ’ means special qualifications and aptitude for the discharge of the duties of the position to be filled, together with merit, diligence and good conduct, and, in the case of an officer who has at any time been engaged on war service, includes such efficiency as, in the opinion of the Commission, the officer would have attained but for his absence on war service ; and

(b) the seniority of officers shall be determined as prescribed.

“ 18D.—(1.) The promotion of an officer to a vacant position shall be provisional and without increased salary pending confirmation of the promotion, and shall be notified in the prescribed manner, and shall be subject to appeal as provided by this section. Appeals against promotions.

“ (2.) Any officer who considers that he should have been promoted to a vacant position in preference to the officer provisionally promoted, may appeal to the Promotions Appeal Board on the ground of superior efficiency or equal efficiency and seniority.

“ (3.) The regulations may prescribe the manner in which, and the time within which, appeals may be made under this section.

“ (4.) Upon any such appeal being made, the Promotions Appeal Board shall make full inquiry into the claims of the appellant and those of the officer provisionally promoted and shall determine the appeal.

“ (5.) Where the appeal is upheld the appellant shall be promoted to the vacant position and the provisional promotion shall be cancelled.

“ (6.) Where the appeal is disallowed, or where no appeal is lodged within the prescribed time, the provisional promotion shall be confirmed.

“ (7.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Commission may, at any time after notification has been made of a provisional promotion to a vacant position, and before the promotion has been confirmed, cancel the provisional promotion if the Commission is satisfied that the position is unnecessary or can be filled by the transfer of another officer, or that in the circumstances notification or further notification of the vacant position is desirable.

“ (8.) The powers of the Commission under the last preceding sub-section may be exercised whether an appeal has been made or not.

“ 18E.—(1.) For the purposes of this Division, there shall be an Overseas Telecommunications Commission Promotions Appeal Board (in this Act referred to as ‘ the Promotions Appeal Board ’). Promotions Appeal Board.

“ (2.) The Promotions Appeal Board shall consist of—

(a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall hold office on such terms and conditions as the Governor-General determines ;

(b) an officer appointed by the Commission ; and

(c) an officer elected by the officers of the Commission in the prescribed manner (in this section referred to as the ‘ officers ’ representative).

“ (3.) The officers’ representative shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.

“ (4.) The officers of the Commission may, in the prescribed manner, elect a deputy of the officers’ representative and the deputy so elected shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.

“ (5.) A deputy so elected may, in the event of there being a vacancy in the office of officers’ representative, or in the event of the absence of the officers’ representative (whether in pursuance of a direction given under the next succeeding sub-section, or through illness or otherwise), attend and vote at meetings of the Promotions Appeal Board, and, when so attending and voting at a meeting, shall, for the purposes of sub-section (7.) of this section, be deemed to be a member of the Promotions Appeal Board in lieu of the officers’ representative.

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"(6.) Where the Chairman of the Promotions Appeal Board is of opinion that the officers' representative is personally interested in, or affected by, any question to be considered at a meeting of the Promotions Appeal Board, the Chairman may direct that the officers' representative shall absent himself from that meeting while that question is considered and decided.

"(7.) Where, at any meeting of the Promotions Appeal Board, the members are divided in opinion on any question, that question shall be decided according to the decision of the majority.

"18f.—(1.) Every officer who has attained the age of sixty years (or, in the Tenure of office. case of a female officer, fifty-five years) shall be entitled to retire from the Service of the Commission if the officer desires to do so, but any such officer may, subject to this Division, continue in the Service of the Commission until the officer attains the age of sixty-five years (or, in the case of a female officer, sixty years).

"(2.) If any officer continues in the Service of the Commission after the officer has attained the age of sixty years (or, in the case of a female officer, fifty-five years), the officer may at any time before attaining the age of sixty-five years (or, in the case of a female officer, sixty years) be retired by the Commission from the Service of the Commission.

"(3.) Every officer shall, on attaining the age of sixty-five years (or, in the case of a female officer, sixty years), be retired by the Commission from the Service of the Commission.

"18g.—(1.) If at any time the Commission finds that a greater number of officers Excess officers. is employed than is necessary for efficient working, any officer whom the Commission finds is in excess may be transferred to such other position of equal classification as the officer is competent to fill, and, if no such position is available, the officer may be transferred to a position of lower classification.

"(2.) If no position is available for the officer, the Commission may retire him from the Service of the Commission.

"(3.) An officer shall not be retired from the Service of the Commission under this section unless he has been given one month's notice or is paid salary in lieu of notice.

"18h.—(1.) A married woman shall not be appointed to the Service of the Employment of married women. Commission except in special cases.

"(2.) Every female officer shall cease to be an officer on her marriage unless the Commission is satisfied that there are special circumstances which make it desirable that she should continue in the Service of the Commission.

"18j. Unless the Commission, in any particular case, otherwise directs, the Appointments to be on probation. appointment of every officer (not being an officer to whom sub-section (11.) or (12.) of section eighteen of this Act applies) shall be on probation for a period not exceeding twelve months and the appointment may be terminated by the Commission at any time during that period.

"18k.—(1.) If an officer appears to the Commission to be inefficient or Retirement of inefficient, &c., officers. incompetent, or unfit to discharge or incapable of discharging the duties of his position, the Commission may retire him from the Service of the Commission, or may transfer him to some other position in the Service of the Commission with salary appropriate to that other position.

"(2.) An officer shall not be retired from the Service of the Commission under this section unless he has been given at least one month's notice or is paid salary in lieu of notice.

"18l. The Commission may dismiss an officer, or reduce his status or rate of Dismissal for misconduct. pay, for incapacity or misconduct.

"18m.—(1.) Where an officer is dismissed, retired, transferred or reduced in Appeals. status or rate of pay under either of the last two preceding sections, the officer may appeal to the Disciplinary Appeal Board.

"(2.) The regulations may prescribe the manner in which, and the time within which, appeals may be made under this section.

"(3.) The Disciplinary Appeal Board shall hear each appeal submitted to it under this section and may confirm, vary or set aside the decision of the Commission.

"(4.) The decision of the Disciplinary Appeal Board shall be final and the Commission shall take such action as is necessary to give effect to the decision.

"(5.) On the hearing of an appeal under this section, the Disciplinary Appeal Board may take evidence on oath.

"18n.—(1.) For the purposes of this Division, there shall be an Overseas Disciplinary Appeal Board Telecommunications Commission Disciplinary Appeal Board (in this Act referred to as 'the Disciplinary Appeal Board').

"(2.) The Disciplinary Appeal Board shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall hold office on such terms and conditions as the Governor-General determines;
- (b) an officer appointed by the Commission; and
- (c) an officer elected by the officers of the Commission in the prescribed manner (in this section referred to as the 'officers' representative').

"(3.) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Appeal Board shall be a person who is or has been a Police, Stipendiary or Special Magistrate of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth.

"(4.) The officers' representative shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.

"(5.) The officers of the Commission may, in the prescribed manner, elect a deputy of the officers' representative and the deputy so elected shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.

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“(6.) A deputy so elected may, in the event of there being a vacancy in the office of the officers’ representative, or in the event of the absence of the officers’ representative (whether in pursuance of a direction under the next succeeding sub-section, or through illness or otherwise), attend and vote at meetings of the Disciplinary Appeal Board, and, when so attending and voting at a meeting, shall, for the purposes of sub-section (8.) of this section, be deemed to be a member of the Disciplinary Appeal Board in lieu of the officers’ representative.

“(7.) Where the Chairman of the Disciplinary Appeal Board is of opinion that the officers’ representative is personally interested in, or affected by, any question to be considered at a meeting of the Disciplinary Appeal Board, the Chairman may direct that the officers’ representative shall absent himself from that meeting while that question is considered and decided.

“(8.) Where, at any meeting of the Disciplinary Appeal Board, the members are divided in opinion on any question, that question shall be decided according to the decision of the majority.

“18P. Sections eighteen A to eighteen N (inclusive of this Act shall not apply to the general manager of the Commission.”.

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to general
manager.

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), the Amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

17. ATOMIC ENERGY (CONTROL OF MATERIALS) BILL 1946.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. NATIONALITY BILL (No. 2) 1946.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1946.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS BILL 1946.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Acting Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1946.—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. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Acting Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four 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. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLeod, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.