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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 52.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Immigration—Report on Immigrants reaching Australia in April, 1947, by Egyptian ship *Misir*.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—
No. 26—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 27—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 28—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.
No. 29—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association and Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
Nos. 30 and 31—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Department of Trade and Customs.
No. 32—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
3. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1947.—Mr. Lemmon (Acting Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1947*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Lemmon 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. Lemmon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Menzies (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.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1947.—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 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the word "fifty-two" (page 2, line 3) be omitted with a view to inserting the word "fifty-seven" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the words "or of any other person" (page 5, line 39) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated—

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That at the end of paragraph (b) the following paragraphs be added:—

“(j) the case of areas of land planted with timber trees deemed by a State Department of Forestry to be suitable to the growth of such trees an amount equal to five per centum of the capital value of the land upon which such trees are growing: and

(k) the case of land planted with olive or walnut or other trees of a variety approved by a State Department an amount equal to ten per centum of the capital value of the land on which such trees are growing for fifteen years from the planting of the trees;”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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Clause agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 23 agreed to.

Clause 24 debated—

Dame Enid Lyons moved, as an amendment, That after paragraph (h) the following paragraph be inserted :—

“(ha) by inserting after the first proviso of that paragraph the following further proviso :—

‘ Provided further that, in the case of a female taxpayer whose rate of remuneration is lower than that of a male taxpayer performing similar work, the rebate of tax allowed under this paragraph shall be equal to the rebate which would be allowable had her rate of remuneration been the same as that of the male taxpayer :’ ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 25—

Mr. Bowden moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(b) by omitting the words ‘ or oil ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ oil or water ’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 26 agreed to.

Clause 27 debated and agreed to.

Clause 28 agreed to.

Clause 29 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 32 agreed to.

Clause 33 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 34 to 37 agreed to.

Clause 38—

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the following amendments were made :—

Page 35, lines 21 and 22, omit “, fourteen and twenty-four”, insert “ and fourteen, and paragraphs (a) to (o) of section twenty-four.”.

Page 36, line 2, after “ eighteen ” insert “, and paragraph (p) of section twenty-four.”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1946, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 14th May, 1947.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes 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. Blain, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Francis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spender and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.