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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 64.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 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. 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.
3. POST-WAR DEFENCE POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement outlining the Government's post-war defence programme, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Post-war Defence Policy—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1945-46.  
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. 46—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
No. 47—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
No. 48—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
No. 49—Non-Official Postmasters' Association.  
No. 50—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
5. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1947.—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. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted after the whole question of allowances to and provision for Members of Parliament has been investigated and reported upon by an all-Party Committee of both Houses".  
Debate continued.  
Mrs. Blackburn 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 a later hour this day.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

## EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1939, as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the fifth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, 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.
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (j) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(j) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine or for fortifying Australian grape must for use in the manufacture of wine, subject to Regulations per proof gallon The duties imposed by this sub-item apply to the spirit whether, at the time of entry for home consumption, it is or is not mixed with wine or grape must. If the spirit is mixed with wine or grape must, the quantity for duty is the total quantity of spirit which has been added to the wine or grape must less any allowance for waste, including evaporation waste, which may be prescribed by Regulations”.	4s.

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

The House resumed : Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

7. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1947.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Menzies, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted after the whole question of allowances to and provision for Members of Parliament has been investigated and reported upon by an all-Party Committee of both Houses”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. White addressing the House and having been repeatedly called to order for irrelevance, Mr. Deputy Speaker directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech.

*Dissent from Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. White handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling :—That the ruling of the Deputy Speaker—That the honorable Member for Balaclava should resume his seat for continued irrelevance—be disagreed with.

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next day of sitting.

Debate on motion and amendment continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1947.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Iazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. James	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang	Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Holt	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Howse	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Corser		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Hughes			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Lang moved, as an amendment, That the words "on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven" (lines 21 and 22) be omitted and the following words inserted in place thereof:—"from the day that the wage-pegging regulations are repealed".

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. James	Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Lang	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Falstein	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Corser		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 222), the Bill was read a third time.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1947* ”
- “ *Income Tax Act 1947* ”
- “ *Social Services Contribution Act 1947* ”
- “ *Gift Duty Assessment Act 1947* ”
- “ *Gift Duty Act 1947* ”
- “ *Estate Duty Assessment Act 1947* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 3rd June, 1947.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920–1946 ’, as amended by the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 4th June, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act relating to Pharmaceutical Benefits* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 4th June, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Motion amended by Mr. Holloway, by leave, by omitting the words “ a later hour this day ” and inserting the words “ the next sitting ” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Hospital Benefits Act 1945 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 4th June, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Superannuation Act 1922–1946 ’, as amended by the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947 ’, 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.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 4th June, 1947.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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

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13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1947-48.—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.

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The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 209), the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at eleven minutes to five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

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