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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 101.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Reports for year 1946-47.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—War service land settlement—Western Australia (dated 4th November, 1947).
 - National Security (Enemy Property) Regulations—Order—Persons ceasing to be enemy subjects.
 - National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 147, 148.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Cloncurry, Queensland.
 - Postal purposes—Mount Surprise, Queensland.
 - Lands Acquisition Act and Lands Acquisition Ordinance of the Northern Territory—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Sattler, Northern Territory.
3. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law regulating the Public Service.
 - 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.
 - Mr. Spender 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. BEER EXCISE BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Beer Excise Act 1901-1928*, as amended by the *Beer Excise Act 1947*.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Mr. White 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.

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5. DISTILLATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Distillation Act 1901-1934*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. White 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. SPIRITS BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Spirits Act 1906-1935*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. White 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.
7. EXCISE BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901-1942*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. White 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. GOLD TAX SUSPENSION 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.
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.)

Clause 1—

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the word "*Suspension*" (line 4) be omitted with a view to inserting the word "*Repeal*" in place thereof.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Burke) ruled the amendment out of order as it was in conflict with the Title of the Bill.

Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Cameron having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
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Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
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Mr. Gaha	
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Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.
Clause agreed to.

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Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Abbott proposing to move, as an amendment, That the word "not" (line 11) be omitted with a view to inserting the word "never" in place thereof—

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Burke) ruled that such an amendment would not be in order as it was beyond the scope of the Bill.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That all words after "forty-seven" (line 14) to the end of the clause be omitted.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Burke) ruled the amendment out of order as it was beyond the scope of the Bill.

Debate on clause continued.

Member named and suspended.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Burke) named the honorable Member for Bendigo (Mr. Rankin) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the honorable Member for Bendigo be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Temporary Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Temporary Chairman of Committees (Mr. Burke) reported the circumstance to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Bendigo (Mr. Rankin) be suspended from the service of the House.

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefor, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 4 further debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT 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—
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. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX 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.
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. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. STATES GRANTS (TAX REIMBURSEMENT) 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.
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. 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 281), the Bill was read a third time.

12. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 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.
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.*)

Clause 1—
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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 59.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1946*, as amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1947*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 14th October, 1947.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1946*, as amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1947*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

14. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL (No. 2) 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.

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. 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 301), the Bill was read a third time.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 11 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.

17. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 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.

Mr. White 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.

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

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past nine 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. Beale*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

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