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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
 

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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 No. 24.
 

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WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Report, with Map, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the State of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions.  
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lang rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The impairing of friendly relations with the United States of America by reason of allegations made by the Minister for Immigration to the effect that the United States authorities have violated an agreement respecting certain Australian women engaged in post-war work for the United States Government".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Lang moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Several Members rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
5. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. J. M. W. Anderson, W. V. Fyfe and J. G. Kilpatrick, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 30th day of September, 1948, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name "Curtin" be substituted for the name "Stirling".  
Question—put and passed.
6. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1948.—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. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) addressing the House—  
*Closure moved.*—Mr. Cameron moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the words "day on which it receives the Royal Assent" (page 1, lines 10 and 11) be omitted with a view to inserting the words "first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Gaha		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Falkinder
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the following amendment was made:—

Page 2, before the definition of "unmarried person" in paragraph (c) insert the following definition:—

" "service pensioner" means a person in receipt of a service pension under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1947* ; "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the following amendments were made:—

Page 3, line 30, after "pensioner" insert "or a service pensioner".

Page 3, line 42, after "pensioner" insert "or a service pensioner".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

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Clauses 15 to 19 agreed to.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr. Hamilton moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 17A. Section one hundred and six of the Principal Act is amended by adding to the definition of ‘ income ’ the following paragraph :—  
 ‘ (f) a war pension; ’ ”.

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hutchinson	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
 Mr. Falkinder

Noes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
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Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
 Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*