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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 131.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1949.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—
 - No. 72—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - Nos. 73 and 74—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association, and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Nos. 75 and 76—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen and others.
 - No. 77—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 78—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-third Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1948-49, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.
4. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in respect of the cost of Long Service Leave granted under Industrial Awards to Employees in the Coal Mining Industry. Question—put and passed.
5. COAL EXCISE BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Excise on Coal. Question—put and passed.
6. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1949 [No. 2].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Holt 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. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Deputy 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.
 Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Johnson, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Johnson asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 Mr. Johnson 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.
 The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 23.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. McBride	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Johnson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. STATES GRANTS (COAL STRIKE EMERGENCY) BILL 1949.—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. Deputy 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. Burke reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 374) the Bill was read a third time.

10. STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1949.—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. Deputy 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. Burke reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 374) the Bill was read a third time.

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11. UNITED KINGDOM GRANT BILL 1949.—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. Deputy 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 375) the Bill was read a third time.

12. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1949.—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. Deputy 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the ten motions moved by Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) on the 7th September, 1949 (*see* pages 376–7).

Motions agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Dedman 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Barnard do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

15. SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) then brought up the following Bills :—

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1946 " ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the " Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1946 " ,

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

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

19th October, 1949.

(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were read a third time.

16. WAYS AND MEANS—ENTERTAINMENTS 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. Dedman (Minister for Defence) on the 7th September, 1949 (*see* pages 375-6).

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following amendment was made :—

Omit from the first line in the first column of the Schedule the words " Not exceeding ".

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Dedman 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. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

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

17. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Entertainments Tax Act 1942-1946 ' , as amended by the ' Entertainments Tax Act 1949 ' ' , and moved, That it be now read a first time.*

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

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—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.)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

18. WAYS AND MEANS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) on the 6th October, 1949 (*see* page 416).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Dedman 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. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

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

19. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947 ' ' , and moved, That it be now read a first time.*

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

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—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.

19th October, 1949.

(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

20. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1949.—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. Dedman (Minister for Defence) 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.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Spender addressing 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.

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

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Lang	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
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Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. McBride	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past 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. Anthony, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Watkins.

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