

1950.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 1950.—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. Evatt moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the matter of altering the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Senate be considered by an appropriate authority, including representatives of both the Government and the Opposition Parties in Parliament, such authority being also authorized to re-examine the existing constitutional arrangements governing disputes between the Senate and the House of Representatives and to make positive recommendations for resolving such disputes on a just and democratic basis".

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

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Swartz
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Eggin	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Handby	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Spender	

NOES, 38.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ryan
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Spender
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggin	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pittard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Hamilton	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Handby	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Gullett

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NOES, 39.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Minogue		
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Morgan		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly 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 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 61.

Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Spender
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pittard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Hamilton	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Handby	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ryan	

NOES, 35.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Mullens		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Swartz
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pittard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Grayden	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Handby	Mr. McBride	Mr. Spender	
	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm		

NOES, 36.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Evatt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Minogue	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson	

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

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3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven 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. Chambers, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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