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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Norfolk Island—Report for year 1948–49.  
 Superannuation Fund—Report of the fifth quinquennial investigation of the Fund, as at 30th June, 1947.  
 United Nations—Food and Agriculture Organisation—Fifth Session, held at Washington, November–December, 1949—Report of Australian Delegation.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—J. H. Hunter.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1950—No. 3—United States Educational Foundation in Australia.
4. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1950.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for and Act to amend the *States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949*.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

5. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945*, and for other purposes.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.  
 Question—put and passed.

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6. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1950—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 5.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 5—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 1.—Pages 1 and 2, clause 3, omit the clause.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, line 27, omit proposed sub-section (2.), insert the following proposed sub-sections:—

“(2.) In the case of an endowee other than an institution, the rate of an endowment shall be—

(a) where the endowee has the custody, care and control of one child only—Five shillings per week; and

(b) where the endowee has the custody, care and control of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child, Five shillings per week and, in respect of each other child, Ten shillings per week.

“(2A.) In the case of an endowee being an institution, the rate of the endowment in respect of each child who is an inmate of the institution shall be Ten shillings per week.”

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 4, after proposed sub-section (3.) insert the following proposed sub-section:—

“(3A.) Where, by reason of divorce, separation, death of a parent or otherwise, any children who would otherwise be living together as one family or as part of one family are not so living together, endowment may, in the discretion of the Director-General, in respect of each of those children who is in the custody, care and control of a person who has the custody, care and control of no other children, be paid at the rate which would be payable if those children were living together as one family or as part of one family.”

No. 4.—Page 3, after clause 6 insert the following new clauses:—

“6A. Section one hundred and three of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(3.) Where, in the case of an endowee (other than an institution) who has been granted endowment in respect of more than one child, the endowment (being at the rate of Five shillings per week) in respect of the elder or eldest of the children in respect of whom endowment is payable ceases, by virtue of this section, to be payable, the rate of the endowment payable in respect of the other child, or the next eldest child, as the case may be, shall thereupon become Five shillings per week.’

“6B. After section one hundred and three of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted:—

“103A. Where an endowee (other than an institution) who is in receipt of endowment in respect of a child at the rate of Five shillings per week assumes the custody, care and control of another child who is older than the first-mentioned child, and is granted endowment in respect of that other child, the rate of the endowment payable in respect of that first-mentioned child shall, as from the date from which the endowment in respect of that other child becomes payable, be Ten shillings per week.

“103B. Where a person has the custody, care and control of more than one child, and one or more of those children, other than the elder or eldest child, is a child in respect of whom endowment may not be granted, the Director-General may, if he thinks fit, authorize the payment of endowment in respect of the elder or eldest child at the rate of Ten shillings per week.’”

*Reasons of the Senate for disagreeing to the Amendments of the House of Representatives.*

1. Because there is an obligation on the Parliament to ensure that the grant of Child Endowment is not defeated by the action of a body other than the Parliament.

2. Because an additional family endowment of five shillings per week is inadequate.

Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Committee insists on its Amendments disagreed to by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 69.

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Committee insists on its Amendments disagreed to by the Senate—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 69.

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

NOES, 40.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1949-50.—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.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) from concluding his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 121), the Bill was read a third time.

8. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1949-50.—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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 121), the Bill was read a third time.

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9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1950-51.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.  
Schedule debated.

*Member named and suspended.*—The Chairman (Mr. Adermann) named the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) for wilfully disobeying the Chair, for using unparliamentary language and for refusing to withdraw and apologize.  
The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstances to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for East Sydney be suspended from the service of the House.

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

## AYES, 69.

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

## NOES, 36.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at nine minutes past nine o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule further debated.

*Closure.*—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 68.

Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Egging	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
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Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Spender	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Swartz	
	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Timson	

## NOES, 35.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Peters	
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Schedule be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 122), the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 1) 1950-51.—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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 123), the Bill was read a third time.

11. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP (BURMESE) BILL 1950.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make certain Provisions with respect to British Nationality and Australian Citizenship in consequence of the fact that Burma has ceased to be part of His Majesty's Dominions.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

12. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) on the 13th June, 1950 (*see* pages 131-2).

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. McEwen moved the following two motions :—

WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) (NO. 1).

1. That, in lieu of the contributory charge imposed by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945* on the wool to which this resolution applies, a contributory charge be imposed, in accordance with the succeeding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to the provisions of the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950* for preventing charge from being payable on any wool both under the Act and under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950*, on all wool—

(a) produced in Australia ; and

(b) on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six—

(i) sold by a broker at auction or otherwise ;

(ii) purchased by a manufacturer ; or

(iii) subjected by a manufacturer (whether or not he is the producer or owner of the wool) to a process of manufacture.

2. That the rate of the charge be—

(a) on and after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, up to and including the thirty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven—five per centum of the sale value of the wool ;

(b) on and after the first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, up to and including the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight—three-quarters of one per centum of the sale value of the wool ; and

(c) subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution, on and after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, up to and including the day immediately before the commencement of regulations prescribing a percentage for the purposes of the next succeeding paragraph—one-half of one per centum of the sale value of the wool.

3. That, subject to this resolution, the rate of the charge be such percentage as is prescribed by regulations under the Act from time to time of the sale value of the wool, being a percentage not exceeding the percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into

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consideration any advice tendered to the Minister by the Australian Wool Realization Commission, is necessary in order to produce, together with the amount likely to be produced under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950* if the same percentage is prescribed by a corresponding regulation under that Act, an amount equal to the sum of the following amounts:—

- (a) the amounts required to meet the share of the industry in the operating expenses of the Joint Organization as provided in paragraph three of Part III. of the Disposals Plan, being the plan a copy of which is set forth in the Schedule to the *Wool Realization Act 1945* ;
- (b) the amounts required for payment of interest, at such rate as the Treasurer determines, upon the amount from time to time expended by the Commonwealth in purchases of wool in pursuance of the Disposals Plan and unrecouped ; and
- (c) the amounts required for payment into the Wool Use Promotion Fund in pursuance of section sixteen of the *Wool Use Promotion Act 1945*, as affected by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950*.

4. That, subject to paragraph 6 of this resolution, the regulations under the Act may from time to time prescribe a percentage, distinct from the percentage (if any) prescribed for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph, being a percentage not exceeding the percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into consideration any views on the matter which have been expressed to the Minister of State for Commerce and Agriculture by the Commission, the Australian Woolgrowers' Council, the Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation and the Australian Primary Producers' Union, is necessary in order to produce, together with the amount likely to be produced under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950* if the same percentage is prescribed by a corresponding regulation under that Act, an amount equal to the sum of the amounts required, or likely to be required, to be contributed by the wool industry to the cost of establishing a scheme of reserve prices for wool after the Disposals Plan ceases to operate and to the cost of operating that scheme.

5. That, where regulations are in operation prescribing a percentage for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph, the rate of the charge be a percentage of the sale value of the wool equal to the percentage so prescribed or, where a percentage is also prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 3 of this resolution, equal to the sum of the percentages prescribed for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph and paragraph 3 of this resolution.

6. That the rate of the charge do not at any time exceed ten per centum of the sale value of the wool.

7. That the provisions for giving effect to this resolution (other than paragraphs 4 and 5) be expressed to be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, but that charge already paid under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945* in respect of wool to which this resolution applies be deemed to have been paid under the Act.

8. That the provisions for giving effect to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution be expressed to come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

9. That expressions used in this resolution have the same meanings as those expressions have in the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950*.

10. That, in this resolution—

“ the Act ” mean the Act passed to give effect to this resolution ;

“ the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950* ” mean the Act passed to give effect to the *Wool (Contributory Charge) (No. 2) Resolution* ; and

“ the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950* ” mean the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945*, as proposed to be amended by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Bill 1950*.

#### WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) (No. 2).

1. That, in lieu of the contributory charge imposed by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945* on the wool to which this resolution applies, a contributory charge be imposed, in accordance with the succeeding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to the provisions of the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950* for preventing charge from being payable on any wool both under the Act and under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950*, on all wool produced in Australia and, on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, exported from Australia.

2. That the rate of the charge be—

- (a) on and after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, up to and including the thirty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven—five per centum of the sale value of the wool ;
- (b) on and after the first day of August, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, up to and including the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight—three-quarters of one per centum of the sale value of the wool ; and
- (c) subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution, on and after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, up to and including the day immediately before the commencement of regulations prescribing a percentage for the purposes of the next succeeding paragraph—one-half of one per centum of the sale value of the wool.

3. That, subject to this resolution, the rate of the charge be such percentage as is prescribed by regulations under the Act from time to time of the sale value of the wool, being a percentage not exceeding the percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into consideration any advice tendered to the Minister by the Australian Wool Realization Commission,

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is necessary in order to produce, together with the amount likely to be produced under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950* if the same percentage is prescribed by a corresponding regulation under that Act, an amount equal to the sum of the following amounts :—

- (a) the amounts required to meet the share of the industry in the operating expenses of the Joint Organization as provided in paragraph three of Part III. of the Disposals Plan, being the plan a copy of which is set forth in the Schedule to the *Wool Realization Act 1945* ;
- (b) the amounts required for payment of interest, at such rate as the Treasurer determines, upon the amount from time to time expended by the Commonwealth in purchases of wool in pursuance of the Disposals Plan and unrecouped ; and
- (c) the amounts required for payment into the Wool Use Promotion Fund in pursuance of section sixteen of the *Wool Use Promotion Act 1945*, as affected by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950*.

4. That, subject to paragraph 6 of this resolution, the regulations under the Act may from time to time prescribe a percentage, distinct from the percentage (if any) prescribed for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph, being a percentage not exceeding the percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into consideration any views on the matter which have been expressed to the Minister of State for Commerce and Agriculture by the Commission, the Australian Woolgrowers' Council, the Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation and the Australian Primary Producers' Union, is necessary in order to produce, together with the amount likely to be produced under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950* if the same percentage is prescribed by a corresponding regulation under that Act, an amount equal to the sum of the amounts required, or likely to be required, to be contributed by the wool industry to the cost of establishing a scheme of reserve prices for wool after the Disposals Plan ceases to operate and to the cost of operating that scheme.

5. That, where regulations are in operation prescribing a percentage for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph, the rate of the charge be a percentage of the sale value of the wool equal to the percentage so prescribed or, where a percentage is also prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 3 of this resolution, equal to the sum of the percentages prescribed for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph and paragraph 3 of this resolution.

6. That the rate of the charge do not at any time exceed ten per centum of the sale value of the wool.

7. That the provisions for giving effect to this resolution (other than paragraphs 4 and 5) be expressed to be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, but that charge already paid under the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945* in respect of wool to which this resolution applies be deemed to have been paid under the Act.

8. That the provisions for giving effect to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution be expressed to come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

9. That expressions used in this resolution have the same meanings as those expressions have in the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950*.

10. That, in this resolution—

“ the Act ” mean the Act passed to give effect to this resolution ;

“ the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950* ” mean the Act passed to give effect to the *Wool (Contributory Charge) (No. 1) Resolution* ; and

“ the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950* ” mean the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945*, as proposed to be amended by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Bill 1950*.

Motions agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Mr. McEwen 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.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

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

13. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (No. 1) 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Contributory Charge upon certain wool produced in Australia* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McEwen moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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14. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (No. 2) 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) also brought up a Bill intituted "*A Bill for an Act to impose a Contributory Charge upon certain Wool produced in Australia and exported from Australia*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McEwen moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

15. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

16. WOOL REALIZATION 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—

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL REALIZATION BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 9.*

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 an amendment to be moved by the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Realization Act 1945-1946*.

Canberra, 20th June, 1950.

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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Realization Act 1945-1946*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution was adopted by the House.

18. WOOL REALIZATION BILL 1950.—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.



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*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the following amendment was made :—

Lines 12-14, omit " the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945-1950* as is attributable to the percentage prescribed for the purposes of section four of that Act", insert " the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950* and the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950* as is attributable to the rates prescribed by or under section five or section six of each of those Acts".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 132), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. WOOL (RESERVE PRICES) FUND 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—

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

20. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL (RESERVE PRICES) FUND BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 10.*

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 an amendment to be moved by the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture in a Bill for an Act to Establish a Fund for the Purposes of a Scheme of Reserve Prices for Wool, and to make Provision for the Distribution of the Moneys in the Fund if the Scheme is not in Operation on a certain date.

Canberra, 20th June, 1950.

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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture in a Bill for an Act to Establish a Fund for the Purposes of a Scheme of Reserve Prices for Wool, and to make Provision for the Distribution of the Moneys in the Fund if the Scheme is not in Operation on a certain date.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution was adopted by the House.

21. WOOL (RESERVE PRICES) FUND BILL 1950.—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.)*

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, lines 4-6, omit " the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945-1950* as is attributable to the additional percentage prescribed under section four A of that Act", insert " the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950* and the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950* as is attributable to the percentage prescribed under section seven of each of those Acts".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5—

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

Page 2, lines 24 and 25, omit " *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945*", insert " *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950*".

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Page 2, lines 38–40, omit paragraph (b), insert the following paragraph :—

“(b) additional charge collected by virtue of section twenty-six, sub-section (3.) of section twenty-seven, paragraph (c) of section thirty-seven or sub-section (1.) of section forty-four of the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945–1950*,”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 133), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

22. TARIFF BOARD BILL 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), pursuant to leave given on the 20th June, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Tariff Board Act 1921–1947 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McBride moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

23. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1948–49.—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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 125), the Bill was read a third time.

24. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1948–49.—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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 125), the Bill was read a third time.

25. SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA—BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 6th June, 1950*], viz. :—

South and South-East Asia—British Commonwealth Consultative Committee Conference, Sydney, May, 1950—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

26. SUGAR—PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Paper [*presented on the 1st March, 1950*], viz. :—

Sugar—Protocol relating to the International Sugar Agreement (signed in London, 31st August, 1949)—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

27. H.M.A.S. *Tarakan* DISASTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Francis (Minister for the Navy), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th March, 1950*], viz. :—

H.M.A.S. *Tarakan* Disaster, January, 1950—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

28. TINPLATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), That the Paper [*presented on the 25th May, 1950*], viz. :—

Tinplate—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Question—put and passed.

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29. SITUATION IN MALAYA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 30th May, 1950*], viz. :—  
    Situation in Malaya—Ministerial Statement—  
    be printed—  
    Question—put and passed.
30. SITUATION IN MALAYA—AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—  
    The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 31st May, 1950*], viz. :—  
    Situation in Malaya—Australian Assistance—Ministerial Statement—  
    be printed—  
    Question—put and passed.
31. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
    Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow 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. Bird, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. T. W. White.

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