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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF COMMONWEALTH MOTOR CAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the unauthorized use in the Corio electorate of a Commonwealth motor car.
4. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION—PENALTY RATES TO OFFICERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the alterations made in the penalty rates payable to certain officers of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for overtime and week-end work.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—
Nos. 62, 63 and 64—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association; and others.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—E. B. Mulholland, J. S. O'Rourke.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—Beverley, Western Australia.
Postal purposes—
Horseshoe Creek, New South Wales.
Young, New South Wales.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 104.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of the year.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1950.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for National Service in the Defence Force, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 24th October, 1950.

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

21st November, 1950.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.
Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. White do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Ward 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.

9. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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. Eggins 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 a later hour this day.

10. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1950.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for National Service in the Defence Force, and for other purposes* ”, 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.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1949 ’, as amended by the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1950 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st November, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

- Mr. Holt representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
12. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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.
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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
Clause 4 debated.

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The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, omit from paragraph (m) proposed sub-item (7) of Item 30 and insert in its stead the following sub-item :—

“ (7) Cere-creme, Cerevite, Rycena, Rycola, Vigorice, and similar products for use for } Nos. 1 to 9 ”
culinary purposes

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 6, insert in sub-item (3) of item 1 in proposed Division I., after the word “ sets ” (second occurring), the words “ (but not including batteries therefor) ”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated—

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

Page 7, omit sub-item (1) of proposed item 3 and insert in its stead the following sub-item :—

“ (1) Travelling bags, brief bags, kit bags exceeding eighteen inches in length, gladstone bags, bookmakers' bags, hat boxes, trunks, suitcases, dressing or toilet cases, attaché cases exceeding eighteen inches in length, writing or letter cases, music cases, sporting cases and bags, regalia cases, lunch cases exceeding twelve inches in length, hat cases, satchels, grips, sewing bags and cases, sleeping valises and bags, but not including school bags or cases.”

Page 8, omit sub-item (12) of proposed item 4.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, by leave, 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 motion moved by Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) on the 12th October, 1950 (see page 201).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Spender 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. Fadden (Treasurer) 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) 1950.—Mr Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1949 ” ;

A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1949 ” ,

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

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

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

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

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(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st November, 1950.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to revise the Statute Law of the Commonwealth* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st November, 1950.

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. E. James Harrison be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bowden*, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Opperman, Mr. E. H. D. Russell*, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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