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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 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. 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.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt moved, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the Right Honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Holloway), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. WATERFRONT DISPUTES—SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that work had been resumed on the waterfront in Sydney and Melbourne.
5. RATES OF PAY OF FEMALE PUBLIC SERVANTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the payment of cost of living adjustments and increases granted by arbitration determinations to those female members of the Public Service who now receive the same rates of pay as male members.
6. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Mullens asked leave to make a Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Moorook, South Australia.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1950—No. 6 (Building and Services Ordinance).
8. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT 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. Daly moved, That Mr. T. P. Burke be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Mr. McMahon was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
9. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1950—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent developments in foreign affairs and announcing the policy of the Government in relation to certain international problems. Mr. Spender then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 28th November, 1950, and
Supplementary Factual Summary on recent developments in International Affairs, by the Minister for External Affairs—
and moved, That the Papers be printed.
Mr. Evatt 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.

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10. WOOL REQUIREMENTS OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the conclusions reached concerning proposals for meeting the emergency needs of the United States of America for wool for military requirements. Mr. McEwen then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Wool Requirements of United States of America—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Pollard 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.
11. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1950—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—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 Papers [*presented this day*], viz. :—
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 28th November, 1950, and
Supplementary Factual Summary on recent developments in International Affairs, by the Minister for External Affairs—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Evatt be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Hasluck 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. AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN KOREA—CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the winter clothing and equipment issued to the Australian troops in Korea, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Australian Troops in Korea—Clothing and Equipment—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Haylen 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.
13. WOOL REQUIREMENTS OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), That the Paper [*presented this day*], viz. :—
Wool Requirements of United States of America—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson 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.
14. SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the Colombo plan for the co-operative economic development of South and South-East Asia. Mr. Spender then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
Colombo Plan for co-operative economic development of South and South-East Asia—
(a) Ministerial Statement, and
(b) Report by the Commonwealth Consultative Committee, London, September–October, 1950—
and moved, That the Ministerial Statement be printed.
Mr. Evatt 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.
15. AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN KOREA—CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING 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 Army), That the Paper [*presented this day*], viz. :—
Australian Troops in Korea—Clothing and Equipment—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Davidson 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.

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16. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT 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. 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. Thompson 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.—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT 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. 32.

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 amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1949*, to repeal the *Social Services Contribution Act 1945-1949* and the *Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945-1948*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 1st November, 1950.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1949*, to repeal the *Social Services Contribution Act 1945-1949* and the *Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945-1948*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

18. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT 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 36 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—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 18th October, 1950 (*see pages 209-212*).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution 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. Anthony (Postmaster-General) 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. Anthony, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

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20. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1950.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Anthony 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Social Services Consolidation Act (No. 2) 1950* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 27th November, 1950.

22. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Collection and Recovery of Amounts payable under the ‘ Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950. ’, and the ‘ Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 2) 1950 ’, and for the Application of those Amounts* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1950.

[*Wool Sales Deduction Bill (No. 1) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Payment to the Commonwealth of a Proportion of the Sale Value of Wool sold or otherwise disposed of by Producers on or after the twenty-eighth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, otherwise than for Delivery out of Australia* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1950.

[*Wool Sales Deduction Bill (No. 2) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Payment to the Commonwealth of a Proportion of the Appraised Value of Wool exported from the Commonwealth by Producers on or after the twenty-eighth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1950.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1950.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini*, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. E. H. D. Russell*, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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