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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron), took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Tractors—Assistance to the Australian Industry.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Repatriation Department—N. Burgess, K. P. Daly, E. W. O'Keefe, J. W. Straede.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRACTOR BOUNTY 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. 37.

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 than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1947*.

Canberra, 29th November, 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. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1947*.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Spender 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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6. NATIONAL SERVICE 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Government’s proposals in the Bill to provide for compulsory national service in the Defence Forces be investigated and reported upon by an appropriate all-Party Committee which should be authorized to examine all the relevant defence, manpower and economic needs and capacities of Australia and to call witnesses including defence personnel and representatives of labour, industry and commerce”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Daly 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.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

8. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS’ REPATRIATION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 the next sitting.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports—

Cotton Canvas and Cotton Duck.

Tyre Cord Fabric and Tyre Cord.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 26th October, 1950 (page 222).]

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs).

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.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th October, 1950 (page 222).]

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs).

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.

12. NATIONAL SERVICE 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Government’s proposals in the Bill to provide for compulsory national service in the Defence Forces be investigated and reported upon by an appropriate all-Party Committee which should be authorized to examine all the relevant defence, manpower and economic needs and capacities of Australia and to call witnesses including defence personnel and representatives of labour, industry and commerce”—

Debate resumed.

30th November, 1950.

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, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Handby	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Berry	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Spender	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	
	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar	

NOES, 29.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Morgan		
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Mulcahy		

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, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Handby	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Berry	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. B. M. Wight
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

[Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1949", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1950.

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[Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1950.

[Commonwealth Aid Roads Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1950.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bowden*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keon, 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.