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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 80.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 41.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act 1950 ”

“ Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950 ”

“ Wool Sales Deduction 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1950.

3. 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.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Aliens Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 87.

Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 84.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Fuel, Shipping and Transport—P. A. Maclean.

Interior—H. D. Waring.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 80.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 85.

Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 81.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Defence purposes—Rottnest Island, Western Australia.

Postal purposes—

Malvern North, Victoria.

Rosebud, Victoria.

Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 83.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 86.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Council of the Soil Conservation Service of the Australian Capital Territory—Third Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, for year 1949–50.

Wool Use Promotion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 82.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Evatt proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “ The economic dangers with which Australia is now confronted as a result of inflation, having particular regard to the failure of the Government to carry out certain special measures announced by the Prime Minister on October 6th last, namely, legislation to impose an excess profits tax, the reinstatement of Capital Issues control, control over basic materials in short supply and the establishment of a National Security Resources Board ”—

Mr. Speaker called upon those Member who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Evatt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

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Ordered—That Mr. Evatt be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 62.

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

NOES, 34.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 35.

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

NOES, 61.

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

And so it was negatived.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1949', and for other purposes* ".

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

7. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1949*.
Question—put and passed.
8. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1948*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.

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9. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945*.
Question—put and passed.
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, 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.
10. SERVICES TRUST FUNDS BILL 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), for Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Services Trust Funds Act 1947*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McBride 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. McBride moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chambers 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. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 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* as amended by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1950*.
Question—put and passed.
12. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (No. 1A) 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 29th November, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950’, and for other purposes*”, 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 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.
13. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (No. 2A) 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 29th November, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950’, and for other purposes*”, 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 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.
14. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945’, as amended by the ‘Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1950’*”, 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 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.
15. BRACHINA TO LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD RAILWAY BILL 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given on the 1st December, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, relating to the Construction of a Railway from Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield in the State of South Australia, to provide for the Construction of that Railway, and for purposes connected therewith*”, 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. Chambers 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.
16. PORT AUGUSTA TO ALICE SPRINGS RAILWAY (ALTERATION OF ROUTE) BILL 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given on the 1st December, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Route of that part of the Port Augusta to Alice Springs Railway which lies between Stirling North and Brachina*”, 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. Chambers 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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17. STATES GRANTS (MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN) BILL 1950.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), pursuant to leave given on the 1st December, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Provision by the States of Milk for School Children, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Sir Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chambers 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.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
19. 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).]
The motion previously moved by Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was 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. McBride 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. McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McBride and Mr. Beale do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

20. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. McBride moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Calwell 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.
21. 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).]
The motion previously moved by Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated and 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. McBride 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. McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McBride and Mr. Beale do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

22. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. McBride moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Calwell 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. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £1,315,000"—further debated.
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.

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24. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) declared—

- (a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature ;
- (b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions ; and
- (c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Estimates be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

AYES, 62.

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

NOES, 33.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue		
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Morgan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Fadden then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows:—

(1) Estimates—

Department of External Affairs	} until 10 p.m., this day.
Department of the Treasury	..	..	..
Attorney-General's Department	..	..	..
Department of the Interior	..	..	..
Department of Works and Housing	..	..	..
Department of Civil Aviation	..	..	..
Department of Trade and Customs	..	..	..
Department of Health	} until 11.30 p.m., this day.
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	..	..	..
Department of Social Services	..	..	..
Department of Supply	} until 12.45 p.m., Wednesday, 6th December.
Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport	..	..	..
Department of External Territories	} until 6 p.m., Wednesday, 6th December.
Department of Immigration	..	..	..
Department of Labour and National Service	..	..	..
Department of National Development	} until 10.30 p.m., Wednesday, 6th December.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	..	..	..
Defence Services—				} until 11.30 p.m., Wednesday, 6th December.
Department of Defence	..	..	..
Department of the Navy	..	..	..
Department of the Army	..	..	..
Department of Air	..	..	..
Department of Supply	} until 12.45 a.m., Thursday, 7th December.
Miscellaneous Services	..	..	..
Refunds of Revenue	..	..	..
Advance to the Treasurer	..	..	..
War (1914-18) Services	..	..	..
War (1939-45) Services	..	..	..
Commonwealth Railways	..	..	..
Postmaster-General's Department	} until 1.45 a.m., Thursday, 7th December.
Broadcasting Services	..	..	..
Northern Territory	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	} until 2 a.m., Thursday, 7th December.
Papua and New Guinea	..	..	..
Norfolk Island	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	
Ways and Means Resolution and adoption of Resolution	

(2) Appropriation Bill—All stages

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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25. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Department of External Affairs, £1,315,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Treasury, £7,590,000 "—

Vote—" Attorney-General's Department, £760,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Interior, £2,307,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Works and Housing, £1,231,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Civil Aviation, £6,946,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Trade and Customs, £2,000,000 "—
considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—" Department of Health, £656,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £1,055,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Social Services, £1,400,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Supply, £439,000 "—

considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

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

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

[*Wheat Industry Stabilization (Refund of Charge) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment, through the Australian Wheat Board, to Growers of Wheat of a certain Season of certain Moneys in the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

[*Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

5th and 6th December, 1950.

27. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1949, be amended as hereunder set out, and that, on and after the sixth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1949 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
11. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) N.E.I. per gallon	8½d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) N.E.I. per gallon	8½d.”

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. McBride 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. McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

28. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McBride 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. McBride, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

29. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 8th June, 1950 (pages 126–128).]

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

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1950.

Debate continued.

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. McBride 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. McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

5th and 6th December, 1950.

30. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. McBride 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. McBride, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

31. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) 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 Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 8th June, 1950 (pages 128–130).]
Consideration resumed of the motion previously moved by Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs).
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. McBride 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. McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McBride and Mr. White do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

32. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1950.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1948 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. McBride 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. McBride, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

[*National Welfare Fund Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ National Welfare Fund Act 1943–1945 ’ and to repeal certain provisions of the ‘ National Welfare Fund Act 1945 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

[*Superphosphate Bounty Act Repeal Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal the ‘ Superphosphate Bounty Act 1941 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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[Flax Canvas Bounty Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Flax Canvas", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Wool Products Bounty Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the payment of Bounty on the Production of certain Wool Products", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Customs Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1949'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Tractor Bounty Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1947'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Nationality and Citizenship Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Customs Tariff (Export Duties) Bill 1950]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to Export Duties of Customs", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

34. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to one 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. Bate, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway*, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini*, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. E. H. D. Russell and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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