

1951.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1951.

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. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT.—Mr. McDonald (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Standing Committee of Privileges :—
Report relating to an article written by the Chief of *The Sun* Canberra Bureau, appearing in the Sydney newspaper *The Sun* of the 2nd October, 1951, together with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Rose Bay, New South Wales.
Ryde, New South Wales.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at twenty minutes past three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1951.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Joshua moved the following amendment :—Page 4, lines 24–28, omit paragraph (c), insert the following paragraphs :—

“ (c) by omitting from clause (ii) of that sub-paragraph the word ‘ and ’ (last occurring) ;

“ (ca) by omitting clause (iii) of that sub-paragraph and inserting in its stead the following clauses :—

‘ (iii) if the employee leaves a parent who is not dependent upon his earnings—such sum (if any), not exceeding in any case the sum of One thousand five hundred pounds, as is considered by the Commissioner to be reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the case ; and

‘ (iv) such sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, on account of the expenses of the employee's funeral, as the Commissioner considers reasonable ; ’.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 50.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Egging	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir F. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Clarey moved the following amendment:—Page 5, after paragraph (e), insert the following paragraph:—

“(ea) by inserting in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1A.), after clause (i), the following clause:—

“(ia) payment shall be made to the employee in respect of the day on which he sustained the injury at the same rate as the rate of pay that he would have earned if he had not been incapacitated for work by the injury;”.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Proposed new clauses—

Mr. Clarey moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“5A. Section twelve of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1A.) the words ‘or sub-paragraph (c)’; and Compensation for certain injuries.

(b) by omitting from that sub-section the words ‘either of those sub-paragraphs’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘that sub-paragraph’.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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)—

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	AYES, 54.		
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egings	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
			Mr. Timson	

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	NOES, 42.		
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
		Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—

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

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	AYES, 42.		
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod		
		Mr. Minogue		

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	NOES, 54.		
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egings	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
			Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Clarey moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :-

“ 9A. After section twenty-two of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :-

‘ 22A.—(1.) For the purposes of this section “ index number ” means the weighted average retail price index number for the six State capital cities of the Commonwealth as shown in the “ Court ” index (Third Series) of retail price index numbers published from time to time by, or at the direction of, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. Variations of payments on account of variations in cost of living.

‘ (2.) Provision shall be made by the regulations for the quarterly adjustment of payments of compensation under this Act by the increase or decrease of those payments by the amounts prescribed when the index number for the last preceding quarter of the year is higher or lower than the index number for the quarter ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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, 54.				
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failles	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Timson	
NOES, 41.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald		Mr. Rosevear	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 44.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds		Mr. Russell	

NOES, 54.				
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failles	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1951.—

Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate has passed a 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 transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 1st November, 1951.

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Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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.

7. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1951.—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. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 26.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“ Social Services Consolidation Act 1951 ”

“ Supply Act (No. 2) 1951-52 ”

“ Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 2) 1951-52 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 31st October, 1951.

9. WOOL SALES DEDUCTION LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1951.—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. Fuller rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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, 42.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham			Mr. Gullett

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Pollard	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR. —WOOL SALES DEDUCTION LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1951.—
The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act 1950*, the *Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950* and the *Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 2) 1950*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th September, 1951.

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. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act 1950*, the *Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950* and the *Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 2) 1950*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

11. WOOL SALES DEDUCTION LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1951.—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.)

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. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at twenty minutes past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beal, Mr. Bland, Mr. Casey, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Howse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keo, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Treloar.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.