

1951.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1951.

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. JOINT COAL BOARD—DISPOSAL OF PLANT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding proposals by the Joint Coal Board for the sale of certain of its plant and equipment.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134.
 Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 137.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 124, 125.
 Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 133.
 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 136.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Defence purposes—Swanbourne, Western Australia.
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Warrnambool, Victoria.
 Postal purposes—Murchison, Victoria.
 Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 135.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Repatriation Department—A. H. Penington, J. D. White.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
5. HOSPITAL BENEFITS BILL 1951.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), pursuant to leave given on the 13th November, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Provision of Hospital Benefits*", 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. A. D. Fraser 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.
6. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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. Crean 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, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

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NOES, 43.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 60.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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

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 debated.

Mr. W. M. Bourke rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Gullett 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, 59.				
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 43.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. 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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) on the 26th September, 1951 (see pages 86-7).

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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.

Sir Arthur 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.

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

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth		Mr. Ryan	

Noes, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—
Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.

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

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth		Mr. Ryan	

Noes, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1951.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—

A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1950";
A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1950";
A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1950";
A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1950";
A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1950";
A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1950";

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A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1950";

A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1950";

A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1950";

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

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

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

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

10. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) 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. Swartz addressing the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. C. R. Cameron 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, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Sheehan

NOES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. E. James	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Harrison	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. COTTON BOUNTY 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. McDonald reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 145) the Bill was read a third time.

12. BROADCASTING 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.

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Mr. E. James Harrison 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. 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-eight 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. Casey, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Howse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Luck, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.