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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 15TH 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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m. Question—put and passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Haylen proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The dangerous threat to Australian industries and standard of living in the Government's current arrangements for trading with Japan"—

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

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

Mr. Beazley moved, That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Daly rising to address the House—

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

NOES, 43.

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

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, 43.

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

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

And so it was negatived.

4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 3) 1951.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1950*, as amended by the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act (No. 2) 1951*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Clarey 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.

5. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL 1951.—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 1945-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen 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. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (No. 1) 1951.—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) Acts (No. 1) 1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen 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.

7. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (No. 2) 1951.—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) Acts (No. 2) 1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen 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.

8. 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.

Mr. Keon rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) 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. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Egging	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	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, 58.

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

NOES, 41.

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

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Anthony, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 3, line 36, after “service pension” insert “, or a pension in respect of total and permanent incapacity”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. REPATRIATION 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 by Mr. Haylen who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for—

- (a) the operation of the Act from the 1st July, 1951;
- (b) all pension schedules to share in the proposed increases in rates;
- (c) inclusion of base war pensions; and
- (d) increase in all categories to be at the same percentage rate”.

Debate continued.

Mr. Joshua 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.

10. MEAT AGREEMENT—AUSTRALIA AND UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement explaining the recently concluded long-term agreement for the sale of meat by Australia to the United Kingdom, and informed the House that there would be a short-term agreement for pig meat.

11. REPATRIATION 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Haylen, viz.:*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for—

- (a) the operation of the Act from the 1st July, 1951;
- (b) all pension schedules to share in the proposed increases in rates;
- (c) inclusion of base war pensions; and
- (d) increase in all categories to be at the same percentage rate”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. J. R. Fraser rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.

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Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 53.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Tellers:
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. McCole	Mr. Treloar	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull	
Noes, 40.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Creamean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	Tellers:
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 53.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McCole	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Noes, 40.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Creamean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	Tellers:
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services), the clause was omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof, after debate :—

“ 12.—(1.) The amendments effected by sections ten and eleven of this Act apply in relation to the instalment of pensions which fell due on the twenty-fifth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, and to all subsequent instalments. Application of amendments.

“(2.) The amendments effected by sections six to nine (inclusive) of this Act shall apply in relation to the instalment of pensions falling due on such date as the Minister specifies by notice in the *Gazette* and to all subsequent instalments.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three 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. Bostock, Mr. Casey, Mr. Drakeford, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Luck, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Wight.

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