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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

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. CENSURE OF GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), That the economic and financial policy of the Government, especially its high taxation and drastic restrictions of bank credit, is causing injury to industry and production, both primary and secondary and is undermining the established national policy of full employment. At the same time, as a result of inflated prices and the Government's failure to restore the purchasing power of the Australian pound, special hardship is being inflicted on families dependent upon fixed incomes, such as social services and repatriation benefits, and the standard of living of wage and salary earners has fallen and is falling: because of its persistence in so injurious a policy the Government has lost the confidence of the country and is deserving of censure—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Evatt rising to speak in reply—

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, 62.

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

NOES, 47.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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And so it was negatived.

3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
4. SECURITY TREATY (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1952.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America.
Question—put and passed.
5. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to determine the number of the Ministers of State and to make provision for their Salaries and Allowances.
Question—put and passed.
6. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament.
Question—put and passed.
7. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
8. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1951*.
Question—put and passed.
9. 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 seven 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. Beazley, Mr. Bostock, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.