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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

THURSDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. James presented a petition from certain citizens of Kurri Kurri, New South Wales, praying that the House express its disapproval of the conversion of a clothing factory at Kurri Kurri into a drill hall.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—First General Report to 31st December, 1951, and Statement of Accounts to 31st March, 1951.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1952—No. 42—Musicians' Union of Australia.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill (No. 2) 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1951 ' , as amended by the ' Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1952 ' , and for other purposes ' , and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.*

The Senate,
Canberra, 4th June, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1951 ' ' , and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.*

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th June, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—COMMONWEALTH-OWNED SHIPS.—Mr. O'Connor having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, " The adverse effect of the sale or disposal in any form of the Commonwealth-owned ships on the best interests of the people of Australia "—
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. O'Connor addressed the House.
Mr. Daly moved, That Mr. O'Connor be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and negatived.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.

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

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Lawrence
Mr. Corser	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 37.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beszley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND POSTAL BUILDING, SOUTHPORT—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1951*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—
The proposed erection of a Telephone Exchange and Postal Building at Southport, Queensland.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 (“Grievance Day”—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for the next sitting.
8. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1952.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given on the 4th June, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend section thirty-four of the ‘Coal Industry Act 1946-1951’*”, 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.
Debate ensued.
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. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
9. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—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. T. P. Burke was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 10 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11, Government Business.
11. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Papers [presented on the 4th June, 1952], viz. :—
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 4th June, 1952 ; and
United Nations—General Assembly—Sixth Session, Paris, November, 1951—February, 1952—
Summary Report of Australian Delegation—
be printed.—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Haylen 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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12. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—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.)

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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 66.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Assessment Acts 1936*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 4th June, 1952.

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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Assessment Acts 1936*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

14. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) on the 4th June, 1952 (*see page 349*).

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

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen and Mr. McMahan do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

16. WOOL TAX BILL (No. 1) 1952.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Wool produced in Australia*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McEwen 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.

5th June, 1952.

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

17. WOOL TAX BILL (No. 2) 1952.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Wool produced in, and exported from, Australia* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1952.—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.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Lawrence

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Keon		

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 agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1952.—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.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Lawrence

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Keon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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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. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. DEFENCE (SPECIAL UNDERTAKINGS) BILL 1952.—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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1952.

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. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

Suspension of Sitting.—At nineteen minutes to one o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At one minute to four o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

[*Land Tax Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Land Tax Act 1910–1941’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th June, 1952.

[*Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946–1948’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th June, 1952.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1951’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1952, a.m.

Ordered—That the Amendments 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.

5th and 6th June, 1952.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 6, lines 13 and 14, leave out “or upon the application of a party who appears or is represented before him”.

No. 2.—Page 6, after clause 10, insert the following new clause:—

“10A. Section twenty-nine A of the Principal Act is amended by ^{Contempt of the Court.} omitting from sub-section (2.) the figure ‘(3.)’ and inserting in its stead the figure ‘(7.)’”.

No. 3.—Page 7, clause 15, lines 29 and 30, leave out “except by consent of all parties to the industrial dispute who appear or are represented before the Conciliation Commissioner”, insert “unless all parties to the industrial dispute who appear or are represented before the Conciliation Commissioner consent or the Conciliation Commissioner otherwise directs”.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report.

23. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATES GRANTS (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Grants to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th June, 1952, a.m.

26. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Wight.

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