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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 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. SO-CALLED PEKING "PEACE" CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the travel of Australian delegates to the so-called "Peace" Conference to be held in Peking, China, towards the end of the present month. Mr. Menzies stated that the Government would not be a party to assisting any Australian to attend the Conference and, accordingly, would deny passport facilities to all prospective delegates. Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 76.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (3).
Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 77.
Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 74.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Repatriation Department—V. J. Bennett, A. T. Clements, J. M. Ellis, A. G. Grant, C. D. Jermyn, W. K. Manning.
Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 75.
4. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—*That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—*"the Bill should be redrafted so as to provide for further reductions of the burdens of the sales tax proposed to be retained with a view to increasing employment and lessening unemployment in the trades and industries directly affected by the incidence of the tax"*—

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, 53.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 39.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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)—

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Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
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Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
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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.)

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

5. 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 6th August, 1952 (see pages 368-9).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden 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 and passed.

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. Beale do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) 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 and passed.

7. SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) 1952.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills:—

- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1951";*
- A Bill for an Act to amend the "Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1951";*

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.

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(In the Committee.)

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

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

8. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION 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 by Mr. A. D. Fraser, 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—

(1) the new pension rates to operate from the 1st July, 1952;

(2) the rates set out in the Bill to be further increased to meet the increased cost of living; and

(3) the means test to be liberalized in the light of the change in money values".

Debate continued.

Mr. Daly 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Patents of Inventions*".

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 10th September, 1952.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Jack, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.