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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 95.

THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1952.

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. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT RELATING TO PEKING PEACE CONFERENCE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Foreign Affairs—Joint Committee—First Report to Minister for External Affairs, relating to the Peking Peace Conference—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Rural Holdings—Statement prepared by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician relating to persons working permanently on rural holdings in Australia for the years 1932-33, 1938-39 and 1951-52.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Health—S. De Mylons, H. O. Lancaster.
Shipping and Transport—R. J. G. Cocks.
4. DISTILLATION BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Distillation Act* 1901-1950.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Calwell 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. EXCISE BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act* 1901-1949.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Calwell 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. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1952.—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 *Dried Fruits Export Control Act* 1924-1938, and for other purposes.
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. Pollard 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. A. D. Fraser, 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—*

(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 resumed.

Distinguished Visitor.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Honorable Paul Sauer, Minister for Transport in the Government of the Union of South Africa, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Debate continued.

Mr. Griffiths addressing 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, 54.

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

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

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, 54.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
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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 Earle Page (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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9. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.)

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 (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 389), the Bill was read a third time.

10. 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 two minutes 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. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.