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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 99.

THURSDAY, 18TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 123.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951'* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.The Senate,
Canberra, 17th September, 1952.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Correspondence between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Government of New South Wales regarding a proposal for the Electricity Commission of New South Wales to purchase a Generating Plant from the United States of America.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—COMMONWEALTH OIL REFINERIES LIMITED.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, " The negotiations now being conducted by the Government in connexion with the disposal of the Commonwealth's interest in Commonwealth Oil Refineries Limited and the detrimental consequences of any such disposal on Australia's defence and its vital industrial activities "—

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. Evatt addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt be granted an extension of time.

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Daly rising to address the House—

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 54.

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

NOES, 45.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. NATIONAL WELFARE FUND 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. C. R. Cameron 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 11 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved—

Interpretation.

- 1.—(1.) That, in this Resolution—

“life assurance company” mean a company the sole or principal business of which is life assurance;

“mutual income”, in relation to a life assurance company (other than a mutual life assurance company), mean—

(a) so much of that part of the taxable income of the company which has been derived from its life assurance business as bears the same proportion to that part of the taxable income as the amount of the profits divided for the same year of income among the life assurance policy holders of the company bears to the total profits divided among those policy holders and the shareholders of the company in respect of the company's life assurance business for the same year of income; or

(b) where no profits in respect of the company's life assurance business are divided for the year of income but, by virtue of the company's memorandum or articles of association, any profits to be divided among the life assurance policy holders of the company are required to be a certain proportion of the total profits to be divided—that proportion of that part of the taxable income of the company which has been derived from its life assurance business;

“mutual life assurance company” mean a life assurance company the profits of which are divisible only among the policy holders;

“the Assessment Act” mean the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936–1952* as proposed to be amended by the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill (No. 3) 1952*.

- (2.) That a reference in this Resolution to taxable income be read as a reference to taxable income of the year of income.

Incorporation.

2. That the Assessment Act be incorporated and read as one with the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution.

Imposition of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution.

- 3.—(1.) That a tax by the name of income tax and social services contribution be imposed at the rates declared in this Resolution.

(2.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in this Resolution, income tax and social services contribution be not imposed upon a taxable income which does not exceed One hundred and four pounds derived by—

(a) a person who is not a company;

(b) a company in the capacity of a trustee; or

(c) a company specified in clause (f) of sub-paragraph (2.) of paragraph 9 of this Resolution.

Rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Payable by Persons other than Companies.

- 4.—(1.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution payable by a person other than a company be as set out in the First Schedule to this Resolution.

(2.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution in respect of a taxable income to which Division 16 of Part III. of the Assessment Act applies be as set out in the Second Schedule to this Resolution.

(3.) That the rate of income tax and social services contribution in respect of a taxable income in any case where sub-section (1.) of section eighty-six of the Assessment Act applies be as set out in the Third Schedule to this Resolution.

(4.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution payable by a trustee be as set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Resolution.

Further Tax and Contribution on Property Income.

- 5.—(1.) That where, in the case of a person other than a company or in the case of a company in the capacity of a trustee, the taxable income or any part thereof is derived from property, and the total taxable income exceeds Four hundred pounds, the rates of income tax and social services contribution be—

(a) the appropriate rate or rates declared by the last preceding paragraph; and

(b) in respect of so much of the taxable income derived from property as exceeds One hundred pounds but does not exceed Ten thousand pounds—the further rates set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Resolution.

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(2.) That where the total taxable income does not exceed One thousand pounds, the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by reason of clause (b) of the last preceding sub-paragraph be an amount calculated at the rate of Twelve pence for every pound by which the total taxable income exceeds Four hundred pounds.

Limitation of Tax and Contribution Payable by Aged Persons.

6.—(1.) That this paragraph apply to a taxpayer who—

(a) being a man, has attained the age of sixty-five years, or, being a woman, has attained the age of sixty years, on or before the last day of the year of income; and

(b) is a resident of Australia during the whole of the year of income,

but do not apply to a taxpayer in the capacity of a trustee.

(2.) That where the net income of a taxpayer to whom this paragraph applies does not exceed Two hundred and seventy-two pounds, the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by him by reason of the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Resolution be one-half of the amount by which his net income exceeds Two hundred and fifty-four pounds, or, if his net income does not exceed Two hundred and fifty-four pounds, no income tax and social services contribution be payable by him.

(3.) That where the net income of a taxpayer to whom this paragraph applies does not exceed Six hundred and sixteen pounds and during the year of income the taxpayer contributes to the maintenance of—

(a) his wife, being a person who is a resident of Australia during the whole of the year of income and has attained the age of sixty years on or before the last day of that year; or

(b) her husband, being a person who is a resident of Australia during the whole of the year of income and has attained the age of sixty-five years on or before that day, the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by the taxpayer by reason of the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Resolution or of clause (a) of sub-paragraph (1.) of the last preceding paragraph be one-half of the amount by which the sum of the net incomes of the taxpayer and his or her spouse exceeds Five hundred and seven pounds, or, if the sum of those net incomes does not exceed Five hundred and seven pounds, no income tax and social services contribution be payable by the taxpayer by reason of those provisions.

(4.) That, for the purposes of this paragraph, the net income of a person be ascertained by deducting from the gross income of that person all expenses (not being expenses of a capital, private or domestic nature) incurred in deriving that gross income.

Minimum Tax and Contribution.

7. That where, but for this paragraph, the amount of income tax and social services contribution which a person would be liable to pay under the preceding provisions of this Resolution, after deducting all rebates to which he is entitled in his assessment, is less than Ten shillings, the income tax and social services contribution payable by that person be Ten shillings.

Rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Payable by a Company.

8.—(1.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution payable by a company, other than a company in the capacity of a trustee, be as set out in the Sixth Schedule to this Resolution.

(2.) That where the taxable income of a company specified in clause (f) of sub-paragraph (2.) of the next succeeding paragraph does not exceed Two hundred and eight pounds the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by the company be one-half of the amount by which the taxable income exceeds One hundred and four pounds.

Additional Tax and Contribution on Certain Companies.

9.—(1.) That there be imposed upon the taxable income of a company income tax and social services contribution at the additional rate of Two shillings for every pound of the taxable income.

(2.) That this paragraph do not apply to—

(a) a company that is a private company for the purposes of Division 7 of Part III. of the Assessment Act;

(b) so much of the taxable income of a company which is a non-resident as consists of income from dividends;

(c) a company in the capacity of a trustee;

(d) a mutual life assurance company or the mutual income of a life assurance company;

(e) a co-operative company as defined by section one hundred and seventeen of the Assessment Act; or

(f) a company which is not carried on for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members and is, by the terms of its memorandum or articles of association, rules or other document constituting the company or governing its activities, prohibited from making any distribution, whether in money, property or otherwise, to its members.

Elimination of Pence.

10. That where the amount of the income tax and social services contribution which a person would be liable to pay under the preceding provisions of this Resolution, before deducting any rebate or credit to which he is entitled in his assessment, is an amount of pounds, shillings and pence or shillings and pence—

(a) if the pence do not exceed six—the amount be deemed to be reduced by the amount of the pence; and

(b) if the pence exceed six—the amount be deemed to be increased by treating the pence as One shilling.

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Tax and Contribution where Amount to be Collected or Refunded would not exceed Two Shillings.

11.—(1.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding provisions of this Resolution, where a person has, in accordance with section two hundred and twenty-one H of the Assessment Act, forwarded to the Commissioner a tax stamps sheet or group certificate issued to him in respect of deductions made in a year from his salary or wages, and the difference between the available deductions and the income tax and social services contribution which would, but for this sub-paragraph, be payable by that person in respect of the taxable income derived by him in that year is not more than Two shillings, the income tax and social services contribution payable by that person in respect of that taxable income be an amount equal to the available deductions.

(2.) That the last preceding sub-paragraph do not apply—

(a) in relation to a person who is liable to pay provisional tax and contribution in respect of his income of the year immediately succeeding the year referred to in that sub-section; or

(b) in any case in which the amount of income tax and social services contribution which would, but for this paragraph, be payable is Ten shillings and the available deductions exceed Ten shillings.

(3.) That, in this paragraph, "the available deductions" mean the sum of the amount represented by the face value of the tax stamps duly affixed to a tax stamps sheet referred to in sub-paragraph (1.) of this paragraph and the amount of the deductions specified in a group certificate so referred to.

Levy of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution.

12.—(1.) That the income tax and social services contribution imposed in pursuance of the preceding provisions of this Resolution be levied and paid for the financial year which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

(2.) That, until the commencement of the Act for the levying and payment of income tax and social services contribution for the financial year commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, the Act passed to give effect to the preceding provisions of this Resolution also apply for all financial years subsequent to that which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

Provisional Tax and Contribution.

13. That provisional tax and contribution be imposed and be payable, in accordance with the provisions of the Assessment Act, in respect of the income of the year of income ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

THE SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

BASIC RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income:—

First Column. Parts of Taxable Income.	Second Column. Rates.
The part of the taxable income which—	
does not exceed £100	One penny
exceeds £100 but does not exceed £150	6 pence
exceeds £150 but does not exceed £200	11 pence
exceeds £200 but does not exceed £250	16 pence
exceeds £250 but does not exceed £300	21 pence
exceeds £300 but does not exceed £400	26 pence
exceeds £400 but does not exceed £500	32 pence
exceeds £500 but does not exceed £600	38 pence
exceeds £600 but does not exceed £700	44 pence
exceeds £700 but does not exceed £800	48 pence
exceeds £800 but does not exceed £900	52 pence
exceeds £900 but does not exceed £1,000	56 pence
exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £1,200	64 pence
exceeds £1,200 but does not exceed £1,400	72 pence
exceeds £1,400 but does not exceed £1,600	80 pence
exceeds £1,600 but does not exceed £1,800	88 pence
exceeds £1,800 but does not exceed £2,000	96 pence
exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £2,400	104 pence
exceeds £2,400 but does not exceed £2,800	112 pence
exceeds £2,800 but does not exceed £3,200	120 pence
exceeds £3,200 but does not exceed £3,600	128 pence
exceeds £3,600 but does not exceed £4,000	136 pence
exceeds £4,000 but does not exceed £4,400	144 pence
exceeds £4,400 but does not exceed £5,000	152 pence
exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £6,000	160 pence
exceeds £6,000 but does not exceed £8,000	168 pence
exceeds £8,000 but does not exceed £10,000	176 pence
exceeds £10,000	180 pence

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION BY REFERENCE TO AN AVERAGE INCOME.

In the case of a taxpayer to whose income Division 16 of Part III. of the Assessment Act applies, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of that part of the taxable income which does not exceed £4,000—
 - (i) the rate ascertained by applying the rates set forth in the First Schedule to a taxable income equal to his average income and dividing the resultant amount by a number equal to the number of whole pounds in that average income; or
 - (ii) 88.1 pence,
 whichever is the less; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder (if any) of the taxable income, the rate ascertained by deducting the amount of £1,468 6s. 8d. from the tax and contribution which would be payable if the rates set forth in the First Schedule were applied to the total taxable income and dividing the resultant amount by a number equal to the number of whole pounds in that remainder.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION BY REFERENCE TO A NOTIONAL INCOME.

For every £1 of the taxable income of a taxpayer deriving a notional income, as specified by sub-section (1.) of section eighty-six of the Assessment Act, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is the rate ascertained by dividing the tax and contribution which would be payable under the First Schedule upon a taxable income equal to his notional income by a number equal to the number of whole pounds in that notional income.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE BY A TRUSTEE.

For every £1 of the taxable income in respect of which a trustee is liable, in pursuance of either section ninety-eight or section ninety-nine of the Assessment Act, to be assessed and to pay tax and contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is the rate which would be payable under the First, Second or Third Schedule, as the case requires, if one individual were liable to be assessed and to pay tax and contribution on that taxable income.

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

FURTHER RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION IN RESPECT OF TAXABLE INCOME DERIVED FROM PROPERTY.

The further rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income derived from property specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of that taxable income:—

First Column. Parts of Taxable Income Derived from Property.	Second Column. Rates.
The part of the taxable income derived from property which—	
exceeds £100 but does not exceed £1,000	8 pence
exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £4,000	16 pence
exceeds £4,000 but does not exceed £6,000	8 pence
exceeds £6,000 but does not exceed £10,000	4 pence

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE BY A COMPANY OTHER THAN A COMPANY IN THE CAPACITY OF TRUSTEE.

1. In the case of a company which is not a life assurance company the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.

2. In the case of a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings.

3. In the case of a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings;
- (c) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income of the company other than the mutual income as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the mutual income is less than Five thousand pounds—Five shillings; and
- (d) for every £1 of that part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.

4. For every £1 of the undistributed amount in respect of which a private company is liable under section one hundred and four of the Assessment Act to pay additional tax, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Ten shillings.

5. For every £1 of interest in respect of which a company is liable, in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Assessment Act, to pay income tax and social services contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Nine shillings.

Progress 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.

- 8. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1952.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 17th September, brought up a Bill intituled “*A 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 by the ‘*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act (No. 2) 1952*’, and for other purposes”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

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

[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1951’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 125.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 18th September, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Distillation Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Distillation Act 1901–1950’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 18th September, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Excise Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Excise Act 1901–1949’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 18th September, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Dried Fruits Export Control Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1924–1938’*, and for other purposes ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 18th September, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Repatriation Act 1920–1951’*, and for other purposes ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

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Canberra, 18th September, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chambers 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.

11. NATIONAL WELFARE FUND 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, 53.

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

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	

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.

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 390) the Bill was read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Pollard called attention to the absence of a quorum of Members, and Mr. Speaker, having determined that a quorum was not present, thereupon, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned the House 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. Bostock, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Joske, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.