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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 114.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 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. **SPEAKER'S RULING—MOTION OF DISSENT.**—Mr. Speaker, having referred to the leave given by the House on the 8th October for certain photostats submitted by the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro to be incorporated in the Report of Parliamentary Debates, ruled that photostats, or documents dealing with matters which the House could not resolve, which had not been read to the House, could not be incorporated in the Report; the photostats to which he had referred would not now be printed.
Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Calwell having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.
Mr. Calwell 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 the next sitting.
3. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Australian Wool Board—Sixteenth Annual Report, for year 1951-52.
Ordered to lie on the table.
4. **ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

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

NOES, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL USE PROMOTION 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. 94.

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 Use Promotion Act 1945*, as amended by the *Wool Tax Assessment Act 1952*.

Canberra, 16th October, 1952.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

16th October, 1952.

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 Use Promotion Act 1945*, as amended by the *Wool Tax Assessment Act 1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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. McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 104.—Mr. Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this month.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 52.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McCole	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lawson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY 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 *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-1947*.

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. Ward 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.

8. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1952.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1951*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. McBride 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. McBride 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.

9. CANNED 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 *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

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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. A. D. Fraser 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.

10. DAIRYING INDUSTRY 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 make provision, in connexion with a Scheme for the Stabilization of the Dairying Industry, for the Payment of Bounties on the Production of Butter and Cheese, 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That, on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—

(a) in lieu of the charge imposed by the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926–1938* on canned fruit salad specified in section two of that Act, a charge be imposed, in accordance with the provisions of that Act, on canned mixed fruits exported from the Commonwealth, being canned mixed fruits having a fruit content not less than fifty-five per centum of which consists of one or more of the following fruits, namely, apricots, peaches, pears, pineapples and other fruits prescribed by regulations made under that Act, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution; and

(b) the charge imposed by the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926–1938* be extended to canned pineapple juice exported from the Commonwealth.

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.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 25th September, 1952 (pages 451–463).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Deputy Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davis			Mr. Robertson	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Tellers:
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. E. James	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Harrison	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron			Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Sir Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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13. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 4).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 25th September, 1952 (pages 464–5).]
The motion previously moved by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated and 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.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Mr. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

15. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45.

Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 30.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bird	Ms. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fuller

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 Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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16. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment of the 26th September, 1951 (page 100).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated and 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. Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Mr. McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

17. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1950’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 13th November 1951 (page 177).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated and 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. Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Mr. McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

19. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1950’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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20. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), pursuant to leave given on the 8th October, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*”, 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.
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. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), pursuant to leave given on the 8th October, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*”, 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.
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. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 138.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Navigation Act 1912–1950’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th October, 1952, a.m.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

23. STATES GRANTS 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 Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 486) the Bill was read a third time.

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

[Loan (War Service Land Settlement) Bill 1952]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 139.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys for the purpose of Financial Assistance 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, 16th October, 1952,

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[*National Welfare Fund Bill 1952*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 140.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Welfare Fund Act 1943-1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 16th October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann*, Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Bryson, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Crean, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Evatt, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. O'Connor*, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Rosevear* and Mr. Townley.

* On leave.

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