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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 117.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 96.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Cotton Bounty Act 1952 ”

“ Wheat Export Charge Act 1952 ”

“ States Grants (Administration of Controls Reimbursement) Act 1952 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 21st October, 1952.

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

[*Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 148.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and for purposes connected therewith* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Pharmaceutical Benefits Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 149.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947-1950 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Report—Carpenters' Metal Planes.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Postal purposes—Maxwell, New South Wales.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—Cooma, New South Wales.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1952—

No. 49—Suppression of Hansen's Disease.

No. 60—Sago (Papua).

No. 61—Pure Food.

No. 62—Town Planning.

No. 63—Ordinances Interpretation.

No. 64—Medical.

No. 65—Pharmacy.

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- No. 66—Cotton.
 No. 67—Evidence Act (Commonwealth) Application.
 No. 68—Police Offences (New Guinea).
 No. 69—Ordinances Revision (Administrative Districts and Towns).
 No. 70—Papua and New Guinea Copra Marketing Board.
 No. 71—Administration Employees' Compensation.
 No. 72—Firearms.
 No. 73—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition (New Guinea).
 No. 74—Land (New Guinea).
 No. 75—Native Land Registration.
 No. 76—Arbitration (Public Service).
 No. 77—Native Apprenticeship.
 No. 78—Mines and Works Regulation (New Guinea).

Public Service Act—Appointments—Attorney-General's Department—B. W. Norman, E. Smith.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1952.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951*, as amended by the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Townley 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. Townley 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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That, on and after the twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, in lieu of the rate imposed by the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947-1951*, the rate of the charge in respect of the employment of waterside workers be Eleven pence for every man-hour of employment.

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. NAVIGATION 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. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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 pending a full inquiry into the detailed proposals for altering the provisions of the Navigation Act".

Debate continued.

Mr. Curtin addressing the House, and having used words offensive to the Chair, was directed by Mr. Speaker to discontinue his speech.

Mr. C. R. Cameron moved, That Mr. Curtin be further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Tellers:
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 55.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hawthorth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Tellers:
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Downer		Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

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Debate continued.

Mr. Wentworth 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 :—

[*Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 150.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) Act 1948 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Bill (No. 2) 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1950 ’, as amended by the ‘ Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1952 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Excise Tariff Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 154.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 155.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1950 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 156.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1950 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 157.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 158.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

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[*Trading with the Enemy Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 159.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Trading with the Enemy Act 1939–1947’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 152.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Act 1901–1951’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 153.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

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EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

12. 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 thirteen 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. Bland, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens and Mr. O'Connor*.

* On leave.

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