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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 118.

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

[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 160.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*States Grants Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 161.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Audit Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 162.

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

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1952.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—LOAN COUNCIL.—Mr. Calwell having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “ That the proceedings of the Loan Council meeting last week were detrimental to the interests of the Commonwealth and the States ”—

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. Calwell addressed the House.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 36.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	NOES, 50.	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Dean	Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
		Mr. Lucock		

And so it was negatived.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Evatt 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)—

Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	AYES, 50.	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
		Mr. Lucock		

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	NOES, 38.	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Creamean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Joshua		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. DEFENCE BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for 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 Act* 1903-1951, and for other purposes.

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. 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.

5. CUSTOMS BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, 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.

6. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1952.—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 153.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 153—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 15, leave out "the next succeeding sub-section", insert "either of the next two succeeding sub-sections".

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 3, after sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause:—

"(1A.) The time of the imposition of the duties of Customs imposed by this Act in respect of which a date later than the twenty-sixth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, is specified in the Schedule to this Act is the later date so specified, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory."

No. 3.—Page 12, the Schedule, after proposed sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) of item 219, insert—

"and on and after 24th October, 1952			
(c) Carpenters' planes, wholly or principally of metal	ad val.	17½ per cent.	25 per cent. 30 per cent."

24th October, 1952.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the Requested Amendments were made.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report.

7. 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—*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 be withdrawn pending a full inquiry into the detailed proposals for altering the provisions of the Navigation Act ”—

Debate resumed.

Member ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Wentworth having been grossly disorderly by disregarding the authority of the Chair, the Deputy Speaker (Mr. McLeay) ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House.

The honorable Member accordingly withdrew.

Debate continued.

Mr. Galvin 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.

8. CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT BILL 1952.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and Australian National Airways Proprietary Limited, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hasluck 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. Hasluck 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. 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—*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 be withdrawn pending a full inquiry into the detailed proposals for altering the provisions of the Navigation Act ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Galvin 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, 46.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Dean		Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Corser	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

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, 47.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean		Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	NOES, 32.	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	AYES, 47.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	
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Mr. Dean	Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
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Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Minogue		

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.)

Clause 1—

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.

10. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT 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.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:—

“5A.—(1.) Section one hundred and one A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words ‘Three pounds fifteen shillings’ (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words ‘Five pounds five shillings’.

Rate of business re-establishment allowances.

“(2.) Allowances at the rate payable under the Principal Act, as amended by this section, are payable from and including the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

11. 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 fifteen minutes to four 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. Andrews, Mr. Anthony*, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bland, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

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