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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 125.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

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

[*Civil Aviation Agreement Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 177.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and Australian National Airways Proprietary Limited, and for purposes connected therewith*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

[*Navigation Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 178.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Navigation Act 1912-1950'*".

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

[*Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 179.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to give the Force of Law to certain Regulations and Orders, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

[*Stevedoring Industry Charge Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 180.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947-1951'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

[*Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 181.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1949'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

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[*Social Services Consolidation Bill (No. 2) 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 182.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1951 ’, as amended by the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1952 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

[*Air Navigation (Charges) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 183.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

[*Australian National Airlines Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 184.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Australian National Airlines Act 1945–1947 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment (Air Navigation Charges) Bill 1952*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 185.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Assessment of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution in respect of Taxpayers affected by the partial Refund of, or the Settlement of Claims for payment of, Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1952, a.m.

## 3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 102.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) Act 1952* ”
- “ *Trading with the Enemy Act 1952* ”
- “ *Loan (Housing) Act 1952* ”
- “ *Audit Act 1952* ”
- “ *Oil Agreement Act 1952* ”
- “ *Land Tax Abolition Act 1952* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff 1952* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff 1952* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1952* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1952* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1952* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff Validation 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, 6th November, 1952.

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 103.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act 1952* ”
- “ *Re-establishment and Employment Act 1952* ”
- “ *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act (No. 3) 1952* ”
- “ *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1952* ”
- “ *Superannuation Act 1952* ”
- “ *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1952* ”
- “ *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1952* ”
- “ *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1952* ”
- “ *Wool Use Promotion Act 1952* ”
- “ *Dairying Industry Act 1952* ”
- “ *Defence Act 1952* ”

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- “ *Explosives Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Civil Aviation Agreement Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Australian National Airlines Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment (Air Navigation Charges) Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1952* ”  
 “ *Social Services Consolidation Act (No. 2) 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, 18th November, 1952.

W. J. McKELL,  
 Governor-General.

Message No. 104.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Customs 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 Law.

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 Canberra, 19th November, 1952.

W. J. McKELL,  
 Governor-General.

Message No. 105.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Navigation 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 Law.

Government House,  
 Canberra, 8th December, 1952.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Nauru—Ordinances—1952—

- No. 5—Criminal Code Amendment.  
 No. 6—Aerodrome (Acquisition of Land).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Twenty-eighth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service, for year 1951-52.

Ordered to be printed.

- Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 103.  
 Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 3.  
 Australian National University Act—Statutes—  
 No. 5—Enrolment, Courses of Research and Degrees.  
 No. 6—Constitution of the Council (Period of Office).  
 No. 7—Common Seal.  
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 112.  
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, Nos. 96, 114.  
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, Nos. 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111.  
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (16).  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, Nos. 113, 116.  
 Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 98.  
 Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 99.  
 Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 97.  
 High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 95.  
 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 102.  
 Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 16th December, 1952 (Statutory Rules 1953, No. 1).  
 Lands Acquisition Act—  
 Land, &c., acquired for—  
 Defence purposes—  
 Amberley, Queensland.  
 Bathurst, New South Wales.  
 East Sale, Victoria.  
 Garbutt (Townsville), Queensland.  
 Port Prime, South Australia.  
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- Department of Supply purposes—Newport, Victoria.  
 Department of Works purposes—Hawthorn, Victoria.  
 Postal purposes—  
   Barham, New South Wales.  
   Blayney, New South Wales.  
   Colinroobie, New South Wales.  
   Dorrigo, New South Wales.  
   Glen Innes, New South Wales.  
   Hay, New South Wales.  
   Huonville, Tasmania.  
   Launceston South, Tasmania.  
   Lossie, South Australia.  
   Loxton North, South Australia.  
   Maaope, South Australia.  
   Markwood, Victoria.  
   Melrose, South Australia.  
   Montacute, South Australia.  
   Mount Schank West, South Australia.  
   Myrtleford, Victoria.  
   Quialigo, New South Wales.  
   Rand, New South Wales.  
   Wandsworth, New South Wales.  
 Railway purposes—Hawker, South Australia.  
 War Service Homes Division purposes—Moorabbin, Victoria.  
 Returns of land disposed of under section 63, (4).  
 National Health Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 100.  
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 115.  
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
   Ordinances—1952—  
     No. 30—Licensing (No. 2).  
     No. 31—Justices.  
     No. 32—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.  
     No. 33—Fisheries.  
     No. 34—Supply of Services.  
     No. 35—Bank Holidays.  
     No. 36—Lottery and Gaming.  
     No. 37—Water and Electricity Restrictions.  
     No. 38—Church Lands Leases.  
     No. 39—Crown Lands (No. 3).  
     No. 40—Apprentices.  
     No. 41—Interpretation (No. 2).  
   Regulations—1952—  
     No. 6 (Lottery and Gaming Ordinance).  
     No. 7 (Apprentices Ordinance).  
 Public Service Act—  
   Appointments—Department—  
     Attorney-General—J. N. P. Edson, B. J. M. D. Moffatt, J. J. Nugent, F. V. O'Sullivan,  
       C. J. K. Sarroff, R. W. Whitrod.  
     Civil Aviation—A. W. Burness, J. M. Caston, J. W. E. Huggett, W. B. Mason, A. Pirie,  
       A. A. Rowlands.  
     Commerce and Agriculture—W. K. Marshall, R. T. M. Rose.  
     Defence Production—R. C. Foley, G. N. Goodman, R. C. Nicholls, A. Poynter.  
     External Affairs—R. H. Gardner, B. B. Hickey, J. R. Kelso, G. C. Lewis, R. H.  
       Robertson, P. A. Williams, D. G. Wilson, C. G. Woodard.  
     Health—J. J. Elphinstone, P. R. Joyce, C. R. McDonald.  
     National Development—S. D. Henderson.  
     Repatriation—A. Bardsley, J. B. Best, P. J. Bird, N. Brian, J. H. Chalmers, V. G. F.  
       Clay, N. G. Elder, J. R. F. England, R. A. Grant, O. O. A. Jdan-Poushkin, M. H.  
       McIlroy, K. J. Parker, N. M. Smith, C. C. Stackhouse, L. Travers, D. D. Watson.  
     Shipping and Transport—K. A. O'Keeffe.  
     Social Services—A. W. Daly, J. H. Thomas.  
     Supply—L. F. Bain, W. R. Blunden, F. J. H. Brattstrom, D. Clarke, K. J. Foulkes,  
       F. A. Fox, H. W. F. Freer, K. A. Halsall, G. F. R. S. Hore, D. H. Irwin, A. F. W.  
       Langford, R. C. Nicholls, K. J. Potter, D. H. Richardson, M. Rososinski, S. D.  
       Smith, J. A. W. Strath, J. D. Stubbs, T. H. A. Trubshaw, R. P. Wicks, A. P.  
       Wigman.  
     Trade and Customs—A. C. Jennings.  
     Works—W. E. Beck, J. F. Brotchie, J. A. Cameron, I. Campbell, J. G. Cheyne, S. G.  
       Dolton, P. M. Drake-Brockman, J. R. Grace, K. G. Harding, R. I. Harding,  
       R. A. G. Head, E. S. P. Higgin, J. G. King, R. G. Lack, R. F. Martin, K. McDowell,  
       F. W. Statham, B. K. G. Swain, W. M. Thomson, F. D. Underwood, J. W. White,  
       M. L. Williams, H. G. Woffenden, B. E. Wohlfahrt.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 2.

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## Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—

1952—

- No. 68—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 71—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 72—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen and others.  
 No. 73—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.  
 No. 74—Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia.  
 No. 75—Amalgamated Engineering Union.  
 No. 76—Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 77—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.  
 No. 78—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division) and Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
 Nos. 79 and 80—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.  
 No. 81—Musicians' Union of Australia.  
 No. 82—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 83—Amalgamated Printing Trades Employees' Union of Australia.  
 No. 84—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
 No. 85—Australian Journalists' Association.  
 No. 86—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 87—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
 No. 88—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 89—Commonwealth Telephone and Phonogram Officers' Association.  
 No. 90—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.  
 No. 91—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union.  
 No. 92—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.

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- No. 1—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 2—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
 No. 3—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.  
 No. 4—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
 No. 5—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 4.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 101.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—

1952—No. 10—Landlord and Tenant.

1953—

- No. 1—Public Baths.  
 No. 2—National Memorials.

Regulations—

1952—No. 17 (Fish Protection Ordinance).

1953—

- No. 1 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).  
 No. 2 (National Capital Development Ordinance).

5. LAND TAX ABOLITION BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the Acts of the Parliament relating to Land Tax, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

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.

6. TAXATION ADMINISTRATION BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the administration of certain Acts relating to Taxation, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1953.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. MCKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 106.*

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

8. TELEVISION BILL 1953.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of Television Services, and matters incidental thereto.

Question—put and passed.

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

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.

9. FISHERIES BILL 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1952*.

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.

10. PEARL FISHERIES BILL 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pearl Fisheries Act 1952*.

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.

11. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 7th August, 1952*], viz. :—

Employment Situation—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Joshua 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 a later hour this day.

12. ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES BILL 1953.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Royal Style and Titles.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

13. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 7th August, 1952*], viz. :—

Employment Situation—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

14. 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 four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Treloar.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*