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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 136.

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1953.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports—  
Tractors.  
Tractors (Interim).  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1951-52.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Mr. Lawson), on the ground of ill health.  
Question—put and passed.
4. HEARD ISLAND AND McDONALD ISLANDS BILL 1953.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), pursuant to leave given on the 11th March, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Government of Heard Island and McDonald Islands*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Casey 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRACTOR BOUNTY 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. 111.*

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 *Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1950*.

Canberra, 11th March, 1953.

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.)*

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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- 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, 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. FLAX INDUSTRY BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of a Flax Commission, and for matters incidental thereto.  
Question—put and passed.
7. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Service Acts* 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. 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
9. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.
10. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) 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.
11. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question proposed—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.  
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
12. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1953.—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.)*

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL USE PROMOTION 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. 112.*

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 make provision for Improving the Production and Increasing the Use of Wool, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 26th February, 1953.

12th March, 1953.

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 Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for Improving the Production and Increasing the Use of Wool, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

14. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—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. 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 a later hour this day.

15. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved the following amendment:—Page 3, lines 8-11, omit sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clauses:—

“(1.) If the duties and functions imposed or conferred on the Commonwealth Wool Adviser in pursuance of the last preceding section include the duty or function of compiling, analysing and publishing statistics and information relating to wool or to the wool industry, the Commonwealth Wool Adviser may, subject to this section, employ such persons as he thinks necessary to assist him in performing that duty or function.

“(1A.) The last preceding sub-section does not authorize the Commonwealth Wool Adviser to continue to employ persons if his duties and functions cease to include the duty or function referred to in that sub-section.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thompson rising to address the Committee—

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Turnbull	

NOES, 44.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 15, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

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Clauses 18 to 22 agreed to.  
 Clause 23 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 24 and 25 agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. McEwen, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TELEVISION BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 198.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the provision of Television Services, and matters incidental thereto*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 12th March, 1953.

G. J. RANKIN,  
 Deputy President.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward 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, 50.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Roberton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Turnbull	

## NOES, 40.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anthony, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson\*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Russell and Mr. Treloar.

\* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
 Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.