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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 141.

FRIDAY, 20TH 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. AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY—RESEARCH STATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to establish a scientific research station in the Australian Antarctic Territory.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement on the subject.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—J. J. Carey.  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report for 1951-52.  
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report for year 1951-52.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 201.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Banking Act 1945’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

G. J. RANKIN,  
Deputy President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th March, 1953.

Ordered—That the Amendment 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.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 6, clause 7, at the end of proposed new section 22A, add the following sub-section :—

“(2.) The rate of interest determined under the last preceding sub-section shall be the same in respect of each bank.”

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McLeay reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the House adopted the Report.

5. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1953-54.—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. Kekwick 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.

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

<b>Ayes, 48.</b>				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Freëth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J.	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner	
Mr. Dean	Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth	
<b>Noes, 20.</b>				
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Clarey		Mr. Joshua	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hulme called attention to the absence of a quorum of Members and Mr. Speaker, having determined that a quorum was not present, thereupon, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned the House 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. Anderson, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bostock, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Joske, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson\*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald\*, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Townley, Mr. Treloar\* and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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