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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 163.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Ward presented a petition from certain Australian citizens praying that this House will consider the continued unrestricted importation of recorded overseas radio programmes and take action to protect the Australian interests which are endangered thereby.
Petition received and read.
3. FANNING ISLAND CABLE STATION—ILLNESS OF OFFICER—ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY UNITED STATES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding an officer at the Australian Overseas Telecommunications cable station at Fanning Island whose serious illness demanded early treatment with cortisone. Mr. Anthony informed the House that, on request, the United States Ambassador to Australia had made arrangements for supplies of cortisone to be flown by special aircraft from Honolulu and that the aircraft had now arrived at Fanning Island. Mr. Anthony then expressed the appreciation of the Government, the Parliament and the Australian people to the United States of America for the invaluable assistance given.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement associating the Opposition with the expression of gratitude.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Repatriation—T. A. O'Donnell.
Supply—T. F. C. Lawrence, F. F. McKnight, J. V. Ramsay, L. H. Winter.
5. 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.
6. COMMONWEALTH OBSERVATORY TRUST FUND BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

7. FORESTRY AND TIMBER BUREAU BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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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, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

8. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS 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. 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. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

Point of Order.—A Point of Order having been raised that the scope of the debate should permit a discussion of the ways in which the States may spend the sums granted—*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the limits of the debate were narrow and confined the debate to whether the sums should be granted to the States or not.*Dissent from Ruling.*—Mr. Bate having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Curtin	AYES, 49.		
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Daly	Mr. Graham	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Harrison	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Bate
Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	
		Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	
		NOES, 47.		
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Thompson 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)—

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	AYES, 55.		
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wright
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
		Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
		NOES, 44.		
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 666) the Bill was read a third time.

10. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1953.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to leave given on the 17th September, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1952* ’”, 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.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) on the 10th September, 1953 (*see* pages 667–670).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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 Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

13. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution* ’”, 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.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.

15. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 Leslie 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. J. R. Fraser 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)—

Ayes, 54.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Downer			Mr. Tinson	
Noes, 36.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. E. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Harrison	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan

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-four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Berry, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. James, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Wilson.

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