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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 167.

THURSDAY, 15TH 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Lord Swinton of Mashman, G.B.E., C.H., M.C., United Kingdom Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—International Labour Organization—Thirty-fourth Session, Geneva, June, 1951—Statement of action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the Conventions and Recommendations adopted.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 234.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Repatriation Act 1920-1952 '* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th October, 1953.

Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC ARMAMENTS.—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice—
    - (1) That, in the opinion of this House—
      - (a) the present development of atomic armaments is likely to lead to world disaster unless effective international safeguards are speedily imposed,
      - (b) international safeguards cannot be effective without full powers to inspect against possible violation and to enforce the decisions of the international authority,
      - (c) ineffective safeguards would be worse than useless, in that they would tend to operate to the advantage of a potential aggressor which might build up atomic armaments in violation of its undertakings under an atomic pact, and thus strengthen its position against peace-loving nations which would honour their obligations to disarm,
      - (d) the time available for the peaceful solution of the world's atomic problem is short, and action is therefore urgent, and
      - (e) it would be appropriate for the United Nations, having regard to the purposes and principles set out in the first chapter of its Charter, to devise and implement forthwith a world-wide and water-tight system for the control of atomic armaments, and it would thus be appropriate for the General Assembly of the United Nations at its present session in New York to direct its urgent attention to this problem.
    - (2) That this Resolution be forthwith conveyed to the President of the United Nations.
- Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

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Mr. Evatt moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (1) be omitted with a view to inserting the following paragraphs in place thereof:—

“(1) That this House fully endorses and reaffirms the recommendations of the United Nations’ agencies which have dealt with the problem of atomic and other armaments and have adopted, *inter alia*, the following principles:—

- (a) That the armed forces and armaments of the world should be progressively reduced in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter;
- (b) That the United Nations should develop plans under international control for the elimination of all major weapons adaptable to mass destruction;
- (c) That there should be effective international control of atomic energy to ensure the prohibition of atomic weapons and the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only;
- (d) That there should be a draft international treaty for the regulation and reduction of all armed forces and all armaments, and the system under such treaty should include adequate safeguards to provide, by inspection and administration, for the prompt detection of violations and for appropriate sanctions.

“(1A) This House expresses the opinion that it is not in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations to give support to any proposal involving the waging of preventive war by atomic or other weapons”.

Debate continued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.

Ordered—That the time for the debate be extended.

Debate continued.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) 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 the next sitting.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Government Business being proceeded with forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1953.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), for Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

8. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1953.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), for Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

10. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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. J. R. 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 a later hour this day.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAMEN’S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 235.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Seamen’s War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1952’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 15th October, 1953.

Mr. McMahon (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. WHEAT MARKETING 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. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) rising to address the House—

*Closure*.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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, 52.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 45.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	

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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt 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, 50.				
Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull	
Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner	
NOES, 44.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8, by leave, taken together—

Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Clauses 9 to 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 13 debated—

Mr. Pollard rising to address the Committee—

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Keon rising to address the Committee—

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

13. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 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. Robertson 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bate, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Berry, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Treloar.

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