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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 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. Graham presented a petition from certain employees of Commonwealth Departments praying that the Parliament will rectify the injustice which they believe is being done them under the Superannuation Act.  
Petition received and read.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—  
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Opperman 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.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2].—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent (a) before the Address in Reply is adopted, the introduction and motions for the first and second readings of a National Health Bill 1953 and (b) the Minister introducing the Bill from making his speech on the second reading without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the introduction and motions for the first and second readings of a Therapeutic Substances Bill 1953 and a Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 5) 1953.  
Question—put and passed.
6. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2].—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of Pharmaceutical, Sickness and Hospital Benefits, and of Medical and Dental Services.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Earle Page 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 Earle Page moved, 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.
7. THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1953.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide standards for certain Therapeutic Substances, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Earle Page 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 Earle Page moved, 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.

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8. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930-1939*.

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, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

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Debate resumed.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCalm	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth		Mr. Timson	

NOES, 30.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to—was put according, and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

10. SUPPLY.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr. Edmonds rising to address the House—

*Closure*.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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)—

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Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
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Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
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Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam	

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 Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Drummond, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Luck, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Wight.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*