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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 19TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Report for year 1951-52.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report for year 1951-52.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session.  
Question—put and passed.
4. FLAGS BILL 1953.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to declare a certain Flag to be the Australian National Flag and to make other provision with respect to Flags.  
Question—put and passed.
5. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to certain Conventions and Agreements with respect to Taxes on Income, and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Question—put and passed.
6. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Income Tax.  
Question—put and passed.
7. ESTATE DUTY CONVENTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to a Convention with the United States of America with respect to Duties and Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons, and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Question—put and passed.
8. GIFT DUTY CONVENTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to a Convention with the United States of America with respect to Duties and Taxes on Gifts, and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Question—put and passed.
9. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to certain Conventions and Agreements with respect to Taxes on Income, and for purposes incidental thereto*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Sir Arthur Fadden moved, by leave, 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.
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 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
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 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.
13. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1953.—Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Acting 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 Payment, through the Australian Wheat Board, to Growers of Wheat of a certain Season of certain Moneys in the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Anthony 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. Anthony moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Mr. Pollard 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. 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.  
 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.
15. NATIONAL HEALTH 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. A. D. Fraser, viz. :—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to place greater emphasis through co-operation with the States and Local Authorities on the promotion of positive health—*  
 (a) in the establishment and maintenance of diagnostic and health centres ;  
 (b) in dental care of children under sixteen years of age ;  
 (c) in the provision of medical training and research facilities and a system of regional hospitals ;  
 and to provide—  
 (1) for substantially increased rates of hospital benefit having regard to the rise of hospital costs ;  
 (2) for the negotiation of fresh agreements between the Commonwealth and the States to ensure that throughout Australia there should be no charge and no means test for qualified patients occupying beds in public wards of public hospitals ;  
 (3) that payment of Commonwealth Hospital Benefits or Medical Benefits shall not be conditional upon a patient being a contributor to a Hospitals Fund or a Medical Benefits Fund ;  
 (4) that registered organizations shall be subsidized to ensure that their benefits will be extended to chronic sufferers and those suffering disabilities at the commencement of their membership of registered organizations ;  
 (5) to devise in consultation with the medical profession and State Governments machinery to stabilize medical charges and to determine just variations of those charges ;  
 (6) that Medical Benefits be extended to mileage charges of medical practitioners incurred by patients especially those in outback areas ;  
 (7) that the provision of medical and hospital benefits should be financed from revenue raised on a graduated scale based upon capacity to pay ;  
 (8) for the cure and relief of mental illness ”—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Mr. Thompson 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 1.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Navigation Act 1912–1952 ’ to give effect to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, and for other purposes*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate.

Canberra, 19th November, 1953.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Keon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Townley, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Wight.

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