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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Shipbuilding Industry.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes at Coldstream, Victoria.
3. EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That the maximum period for which the Prime Minister may speak on the amendment to the motion to print the Ministerial Statement on the National Economy shall not exceed 45 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
4. 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 Deputy 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 Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. NATIONAL ECONOMY—ECONOMIC MEASURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 14th March, 1956*], viz. :—
National Economy—Economic Measures—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz. :—*That all words after “Paper” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“so far as it discloses a policy of increasing interest rates on bank overdrafts is injurious to the large majority of the people of Australia and should be rejected”—
Debate resumed.
Extended time for speech.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That the maximum period for which Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) may speak on the amendment shall not exceed 45 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failles	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

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NOES, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. E. James	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on original question continued by Mr. Clark who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—

- “(1) In the opinion of this House the taxation measures proposed in the Paper are unfair in principle and unjust in application ;
- (2) The measures will fail in their stated purpose of halting inflation, and in fact they will add to costs of production, stimulate inflation, worsen the overseas trading position, and reduce the spending power of wage-earners and those on fixed incomes, particularly pensioners ;
- (3) In particular the taxation proposals on transport aids will add to the cost of essential commodities ;
- (4) The Paper fails to deal with fundamentals in that it does not propose to apply or seek adequate economic and constitutional powers to effectively save the Australian economy from calamitous inflation ;
- (5) The proposals in the Paper were not disclosed at the Federal election in December and the people were consequently misled ;
- (6) Finally the proposals are opposed by the great majority of the people and this resentment was clearly and convincingly illustrated in the result of the General Elections in the State of Western Australia”.

Mr. Galvin proceeding to second the amendment—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AVES, 52.

Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that the closure applied to the original question as the amendment had not been proposed from the Chair.

And the question—That the Paper be printed—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AVES, 51.

Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. C. R. Cameron addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McLeay	
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Mr. Casey	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 26.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	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-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned 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. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bland, Mr. Brand, Mr. Cairns, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Lucock, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Townley.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.