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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY, 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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Mooring of a Vessel.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Army—P. M. Boggis.
3. FLOOD RELIEF AND PREVENTION.—Sir Earle Page moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolves that, as past recurring substantial expenditures of all governmental authorities in Australia incurred in flood relief, including £ for £ payments to the States, use of Service personnel, equipment and heavy machinery in flood crises, and repair of great losses caused by damage to communications, especially telephones, roads, bridges, power lines, railways, &c., have not brought any improvement in methods of preventing flood disasters, the question of future Commonwealth action and financial assistance in regard both to immediate flood relief and future flood prevention and/or mitigation should be examined immediately by an expert commission appointed to determine, *inter alia*, the best methods of implementing and financing flood prevention in those rivers where complete prevention is possible, and flood mitigation where it is not, and of keeping river channels clear to enable flood waters to escape as quickly as possible; and to devise a permanent system of organization of the use of all official and Service personnel and equipment, both in saving lives, stock and property in the floods themselves, and in assisting to restore normal production most quickly.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 17th May.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 17th May.
5. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1956.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1955*.
Question—put and passed.
6. WHALING INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1956.—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. Cairns, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"this House declines to give a second reading to the Bill until such time as the Joint Committee on Public Accounts has inquired into and reported to Parliament on all aspects of the proposed sale of the Australian Whaling Commission's assets to the Nor' West Whaling Company Limited"*—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Haylen addressing the House—
Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

3rd May, 1956.

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

AYES, 58.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Stewart
	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 58.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Luchetti
	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 58.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 37.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

3rd May, 1956.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WHALING INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1956.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Whaling Industry Act 1949-1952*, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 23rd March, 1956.

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 36.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clarey		Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McMahon moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Whaling Industry Act 1949-1952*, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 36.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clarey		Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3rd May, 1956.

Question—That the Resolution be reported—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 36.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Melvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clarey		Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McMahon, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

8. WHALING INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1956.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1955’*”, 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1956.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1954–1955*.

Canberra, 23rd March, 1956.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1954–1955*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

3rd May, 1956.

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.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1956.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954*.

Canberra, 7th April, 1956.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

Debate adjourned (Mr. H. V. Johnson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. WHALING INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, as a whole, further debated.

Mr. Pollard rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulson	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Galvin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. E. James	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Makin		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3rd May, 1956.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Luchetti
	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be reported without amendment—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison 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, 56.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	

NOES, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Harrison	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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13. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1956.—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.

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

Mr. Deputy 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Defence purposes—Preston Point, Western Australia.
 Shipping and Transport Services purposes—Cape St. Albans (Kangaroo Island), South Australia.
 Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—W. R. Frost.
15. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1956.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), pursuant to leave given on the 19th April, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to promote Trade with Countries outside Australia by establishing an Export Payments Insurance Corporation to provide Insurance against certain Risks arising out of that Trade not normally insured with Commercial Insurers* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. McEwen moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being moved forthwith.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
17. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1956.—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 by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—
 “ owing to the fact that all existing television licences in two States have been granted by the Government to corporations constituting in effect combines of newspaper, radio broadcasting and associated interests which already monopolize to a large extent mass communication of information to the people of Australia, and owing to the danger to the public interest and true freedom of expression being caused by newspaper concerns further extending their control over mass communication including radio broadcasting and television—
 the Bill should be withdrawn and redrafted so as to include—
 (A) specific safeguards against detrimental monopoly practices by guaranteeing to the general public and to religious, educational, cultural, political and social organizations opportunities for a fair and just share of ownership or control of broadcasting and television licences and a fair and just use of the facilities of such services ;
 (B) specific provisions to effect the following purposes :—
 (1) to re-establish and assure the regular functioning of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting and Television as guardian of the public interest in those two vital fields ;
 (2) to assure the broadcasting or televising, free of charge, of religious services or subjects on an equitable basis both by the Commission and Commercial Licencees ;
 (3) to ensure that facilities are provided, free of charge, on an equitable and impartial basis for the broadcasting and televising of matters of political or industrial controversy or relating to current policies of national importance ;
 (4) to provide adequate safeguards against the flooding of Australian television programmes with low-grade syndicated overseas productions to the practical exclusion of productions by Australians and for this purpose to guarantee that no less than an average of 55 per cent. of the transmission time of any television station shall be occupied by Australian programmes and that in the calculation of this time no account shall be taken of the time occupied by news and sporting events ;
 (5) to secure that no less than an average of 7½ per cent. of the transmission time of any station broadcasting musical items shall be devoted to the broadcasting of works by Australian composers ; and that in the calculation of this time no account shall be taken of the time occupied by news and sporting events ;

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- (6) to provide for the inclusion of a representative of the Treasury and the Postmaster-General's Department in the personnel of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and to assure that that Commission shall include a resident of each State ;
- (7) to restrict the initial granting of broadcasting and television licences to three years ; and
- (8) to protect sporting bodies and sport organizations against their fixtures being televised or broadcast without their consent or without fair and adequate remuneration ”.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Bird), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—

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No. 9—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1956.

No. 10—Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) 1956 (*without requests*).

No. 11—Customs Tariff 1956 (*without requests*).

No. 12—Excise Tariff 1956 (*without requests*).

No. 13—Superannuation 1956.

No. 14—Transferred Officers' Allowances 1956.

No. 15—Statistics (Arrangements with States) 1956.

No. 16—Salaries Adjustment 1956.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to 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. Bate, Mr. Bland, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. McColm, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webb and Mr. Whitlam.

* On leave.

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