

1956.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 10TH 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—
 Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Health—A. D. Spears, R. M. Symes, D. D. Webling.
 National Development—R. M. Carter, D. B. Dow, M. J. Goodspeed, J. E. Johnson, E. J. Polak, P. M. Stott, O. N. Warin, W. C. White.
 Works—J. A. Brooks, D. N. Harrison, W. R. Leslie, W. M. Nelsen, A. E. R. Purkis, W. Richardson, A. G. Sag.
3. FRIDAY SITTINGS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business, in addition to the days fixed by Standing Order No. 38, on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m. commencing on Friday, the 18th May, and continuing until the end of next month.
 Question—put and passed.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 104.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of next month.
 Question—put and passed.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1955*, and for other purposes.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Arbitration Act 1920–1955*, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
7. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1949–1955*.
 Question—put and passed.
8. NAVIGATION BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912–1953*.
 Question—put and passed.
9. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act 1933–1955*.
 Question—put and passed.
10. EVIDENCE BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence Act 1905–1950*.
 Question—put and passed.

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11. JUDGES' PENSIONS BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judges' Pensions Act 1948-1951*.
Question—put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
13. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 7 to 40 together—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) that clause 14 be omitted and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:—

“ 14. Section eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) Composition of Commission. and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(1.) The Commission shall consist of nine members, at least one of whom shall be a woman and who shall include a resident of each State.”

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

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

AYES, 54.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Davis | Mr. Fox | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Robertson |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Snedden |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Downer | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drury | Mr. H. E. Holt | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Howse | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Casey | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Howson | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. Failes | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Joske | Mr. Osborne | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Kent Hughes | Sir E. Page | Mr. Opperman |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Turnbull |

NOES, 38.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment:—Clause 38, page 11, line 28, omit “ five years ”, insert “ three years ”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At twelve o'clock noon, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Bowden) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 40 had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 51.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Luck | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Downer | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drury | Mr. Howse | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Howson | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Casey | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. Failes | Mr. Joske | Mr. Osborne | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Kent Hughes | Sir E. Page | Mr. Opperman |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Robertson | |
| Mr. Davis | Mr. Fox | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Snedden | |

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| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clark | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Minogue | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Cope | Mr. R. W. Holt | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Costa | Mr. James | Mr. O'Connor | |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Coutts | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. Peters | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Crean | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Russell | Mr. Luchetti |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That clauses 7 to 40 be agreed to—put and passed,

Clauses 41 to 49, by leave, taken together—

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Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment :—Clause 46, page 18, line 33, omit “ is repealed ”, insert “ is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) of section seventy-two the words ‘ Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting and Television ’; and

(b) by inserting in section eighty-five, after the word ‘ broadcasting ’, the words ‘ or television ’”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 52.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Downer | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drury | Mr. H. E. Holt | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Howse | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Casey | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Howson | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. Failes | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | |
| Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Joske | Mr. Osborne | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Kent Hughes | Sir E. Page | |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Fox | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Pearce |
| Mr. Davis | Mr. Graham | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Snedden | Mr. Turnbull |

NOES, 30.

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| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Chambers | Mr. Haylen | Mr. O'Connor | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clarey | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. Peters | |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Cope | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Russell | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Coutts | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Thompson | Mr. Luchetti |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Crean | Mr. Makin | Mr. Ward | |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Galvin | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Watkins | |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Minogue | Mr. Whitlam | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

14. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1955 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

15. PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Public Service Arbitration Act 1920–1955 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

16. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1949–1955 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

17. NAVIGATION BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Navigation Act 1912–1953 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

18. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act 1933–1955 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

10th May, 1956.

19. EVIDENCE BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Evidence Act 1905–1950’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
20. JUDGES’ PENSIONS BILL 1956.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Judges’ Pensions Act 1948–1951’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. H. E. Holt moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
21. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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.)

Clauses 41 to 49 together—

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment :—Clause 49, page 19, lines 15 and 16, omit “ five per centum ”, insert “ seven and one-half per centum ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 47.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Swartz |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Davidson | Mr. Fox | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Davis | Mr. Graham | Mr. Luck | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drummond | Sir E. Harrison | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Drury | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. McLeay | |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Howson | Mr. McMahon | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Casey | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Jack | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Pearce |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. Failes | Mr. Joske | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Snedden | |

NOES, 34.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Chambers | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Minogue | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Clark | Mr. James | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Cope | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Costa | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Peters | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Coutts | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Makin | Mr. Russell | Mr. Luchetti |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment :—Clause 49, page 19, after proposed section 88 insert the following section :—

“ 88A.—(1.) Not less than fifty-five per centum of the transmission time of a television station (whether of the Commission or of a licensee) in any period of seven days shall be occupied by Australian programmes. Provision of Australian programmes.

“(2.) The transmission time referred to in the last preceding sub-section does not include time occupied by the transmission of news or sporting events.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the proposed new section be inserted in the clause—put.

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

AYES, 35.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Minogue | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clark | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Morgan | |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Cope | Mr. James | Mr. O'Connor | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Costa | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. Peters | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Coutts | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Luchetti |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Crean | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Thompson | |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Makin | Mr. Ward | |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Galvin | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Watkins | |

NOES, 49.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Davidson | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Lawrence | Sir E. Page |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Davis | Mr. Fox | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Robertson |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Dean | Mr. Graham | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Snedden |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Downer | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Luck | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drummond | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Drury | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Howson | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Chaney | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Jack | Mr. McLeay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Failes | Mr. Joske | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Pearce |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Turnbull |

And so it was negatived.

10th May, 1956.

Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment :—Clause 49, page 19, after proposed section 88 insert the following section :—

“ ‘ 88B. The Commission and licensees shall ensure that Divine Worship or other ^{religious} matter of a religious nature is broadcast or televised for adequate periods, at appropriate ^{matter.} times, free of charge and on an equitable basis, and that no matter which is not of a religious nature is broadcast or televised by a station during any period during which Divine Worship or other matter of a religious nature is broadcast or televised by that station.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the proposed new section be inserted in the clause—put.

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

AYES, 34.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Chambers | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Makin | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clark | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Minogue | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Cope | Mr. James | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Costa | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. O'Connor | <i>Tellers</i> |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Crean | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Peters | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Luchetti |

NOES, 49.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Davidson | Mr. Fox | Mr. Lawrence | Sir E. Page |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Davis | Mr. Graham | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Robertson |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Snedden |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Downer | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drury | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Erwin | Mr. Howse | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Casey | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Howson | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wilson |
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| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Turnbull |

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved the following amendment :—Clause 49, page 19, after proposed section 88 insert the following section :—

“ ‘ 88A. The Commission or the holder of a licence for a commercial television ^{Televising of} station shall not televise, either directly, or by means of any recording, film or other ^{sporting events} material or device, the whole or a part of any sporting event or other entertainment held ^{and} in Australia, after the commencement of this section, in a place to which a charge is made for admission, except in accordance with an agreement with the promoter of the sporting event or other entertainment.”.

Debate continued.

Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment to the proposed amendment :—At the end of the proposed section add the following sub-section :—

“ (2.) A licensee shall not directly televise a sporting event to which a charge is made for admission, or broadcast a simultaneous description of such an event, unless—
 (a) he has first obtained the approval of the promoters of the event ; or
 (b) he has offered to the promoters of the event a payment or other consideration which the Board has certified to be, in its opinion, reasonable compensation.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment to proposed amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Debate continued.

Question—That the proposed new section be inserted in the clause—put and passed.

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.

22. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) from making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

23. PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

24. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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25. NAVIGATION BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
26. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
27. EVIDENCE BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
28. JUDGES' PENSIONS BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
29. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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.)

Clauses 41 to 49 together—

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment:—Clause 49, page 19, omit sub-section (1.) of proposed section 89, insert the following sub-sections:—

“(1.) The Commission and every licensee shall, subject to the succeeding provisions of this section, provide facilities, free of charge and on an equitable and impartial basis, for the broadcasting and televising of matter relating to questions of national importance, being questions of political or industrial controversy or relating to current policies, and the Board shall give such directions to licensees as are necessary to ensure compliance by them with this sub-section.

“(1A.) Nothing in the last preceding sub-section requires the Commission or a licensee to provide facilities to or for a political party that is not represented in either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth and has not been so represented during the preceding period of three months.”

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Bowden) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 49 had expired—

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 47.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Davis | Mr. Graham | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Snedden |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Downer | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drury | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Buchanan | Mr. Erwin | Mr. H. E. Holt | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Casey | Sir A. Fadden | Mr. Howse | Mr. McEwen | |
| Mr. Chaney | Mr. Failes | Mr. Howson | Mr. McLeay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cleaver | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Joske | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Pearce |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Fox | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Robertson | Mr. Turnbull |

NOES, 29.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Kearney | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Clarey | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Makin | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Clark | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. McIvor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. Bryant | Mr. Cope | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Minogue | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Cairns | Mr. Costa | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Duthie |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Crean | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Peters | Mr. Luchetti |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That clauses 41 to 49, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 48.

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| Mr. Allan | Mr. Davis | Mr. Fox | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Robertson |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Dean | Mr. Graham | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Snedden |
| Mr. Aston | Mr. Downer | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drummond | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Turner |
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

On the motion of Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the following amendment was made :—Clause 54, page 23, line 5, omit “ sub-section ”, insert “ sub-sections ”.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the following further amendment was made, after debate : —Clause 54, page 23, after proposed sub-section (1A.) insert the following sub-sections :—

“(1B.) Where a television viewer’s licence is granted to a person who is the holder of a broadcast listener’s licence and the address specified in both licences is the same, the period for which the broadcast listener’s licence was granted may, if that person so desires, and upon payment of the fee referred to in the next succeeding sub-section, be extended so that it will expire on the date on which the television viewer’s licence will expire.

“(1C.) The fee payable for an extension of a broadcast listener’s licence under the last preceding sub-section is an amount which bears to the prescribed fee the same proportion as the number of complete months in the period of extension bears to twelve.”

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—Clause 59, page 23, lines 39-42, omit all words after “ amended ” to the end of the clause, insert :—

“ by adding at the end thereof the words ‘ and, in particular, for—

(a) making provision for—

- (i) the settlement of disputes as to the making of, or refusal to make, an agreement for the purposes of section eighty-eight A of this Act ;
- (ii) the terms of the determination of such a dispute to have the same effect, for the purposes of that section, as if they were the terms of such an agreement ; and
- (iii) requiring persons (including persons connected with or under the control of a party to the dispute) to comply with the terms of the determination of such a dispute ; and

(b) preventing interference to the transmission or reception of the programmes of broadcasting stations or television stations’.”

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, the following further amendment was made :—Second Schedule, page 26, at the end of the Schedule, add :—

“ Section 107 . . . | Omit from paragraph (a), ‘ section eighty-eight A ’, insert ‘ section one hundred and fourteen A ’.”

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Davidson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

10th May, 1956—*Message*—

No. 17—Fishing Industry 1956.

No. 18—Whaling Industry Act Repeal 1956.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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. Bland, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McColm, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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