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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN FROM NOTICE PAPER.—Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, standing in the name of the honorable Member for Macarthur, was out of order as it had not been signed by a seconder.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes at Golden Square, Bendigo, Victoria.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Defence Production—G. Gaywood, A. M. McCallum, L. Towsk, G. Tunaley.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—  
12th May, 1956—*Message No. 11*—  
Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1956.  
Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) 1956.  
Customs Tariff 1956.  
Excise Tariff 1956.  
Statistics (Arrangements with States) 1956.  
Salaries Adjustment 1956.  
Superannuation 1956.  
Transferred Officers' Allowances 1956.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Warringah (Mr. Bland), on the ground of ill health.  
Question—put and passed.
6. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES 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. Clarey who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide—  
(1) that the increased fees shall not apply in respect of any radio broadcasting station that the Australian Broadcasting Control Board is satisfied—  
(a) has not made a profit for the year concerned, or  
(b) would, if the fee were imposed and collected, sustain undue hardship, and  
(2) that the increased fees shall not apply to any radio broadcasting station defined by the Australian Broadcasting Control Board as a country station".  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 48.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 28.				
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Chambers	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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.*)

Clause 1—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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. 12.*

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 *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1955*.

Canberra, 13th 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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1955*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

9. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION (COMPANIES).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) on the 17th April, 1956 (see pages 78-80).

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

**AYES, 45.**

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner	

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution 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. 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.

13. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION (COMPANIES) BILL 1956.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax, payable by Companies, by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution* ”, 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 ensued.

Mr. Cairns was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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14. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cleaver), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—  
15th May, 1956—*Message No. 19*—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment 1956.
16. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 34.  
Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 33.  
Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 32.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland\*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. A. G. Cameron\*, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Haworth\*, Mr. L. R. Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McColm, Mr. McMahon, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

\* On leave.

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