

1956.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Australian Wool Bureau—Third Annual Report, for year 1955-56.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1955-56.  
International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1955-56.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—J. N. Bridgford, J. S. Trivett, G. I. B. Veroczy.  
Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1956.  
By leave, the following Papers were laid upon the Table :—  
(Mr. Wentworth)—Report of Government Members Rail Standardization Committee.  
(Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition)—Report of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party on Rail Standardization.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 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. Osborne—Minister for Air), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1956, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the thirtieth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1956 as so amended.

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2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time, by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

### THE SCHEDULE. IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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#### DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (3) Piece goods, woven, weighing six ounces or more per square yard, of the types which either as imported or when further processed are ordinarily used for furnishings, drapes or upholstery (not including moquettes, chenille fabrics and other pile fabrics, fabrics printed in fast colours and curtain nets), as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— (a) Wholly of artificial silk ; composed of a mixture of fibres in which at least 10 per cent. by weight is artificial silk and, if the mixture of fibres includes wool, not more than 5 per cent. by weight is wool ad val. 50 per cent. 50 per cent. 60 per cent. less per square yard 2½d. .. .. (b) Wholly of cotton ; wholly of linen ; composed of a mixture of fibres but not including a mixture of fibres in which more than 50 per cent. by weight is wool, except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (A)(3)(a) - ad val. 32½ per cent. 50 per cent. 60 per cent.”			
By adding to sub-item (A) a new paragraph (4) as follows :— “ (4) Cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates, which but for this paragraph would be classified under sub-item (A)(1)(a), weighing not less than eight ounces per square yard, used for the same purposes as, or capable of being used as a substitute for, canvas or duck of cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per square yard Free 1d. 2½d. (b) Other - - - - - per lb. 4d. 11d. 1s. 1d. and ad val. 15 per cent. 32½ per cent. 37½ per cent.”			
115. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) Women’s and girls’ stockings, including stockings worn below the knee— (1) Woollen or containing wool per dozen pairs 10s. 6d. 20s. 6d. 20s. 6d. or ad val. 17½ per cent. 35 per cent. 45 per cent. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (2) Other per dozen pairs 8s. 28s. 28s. or ad val. 17½ per cent. 35 per cent. 40 per cent. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”			

#### DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (10) of sub-item (B). | | |

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.</b>			
285. By adding to sub-item (b) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Tablets being similar to tablets commercially produced or manufactured in Australia from a single therapeutic substance which is not commercially produced or manufactured in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - { per 1,000 tablets and ad val. or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.”	3s. 4d. .. 10 per cent.	3s. 4d. 10 per cent. 20 per cent.	3s. 4d. 10 per cent. 20 per cent.

DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

338. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(D) Catalogues, price lists and printed advertising matter, not designed to advertise the sale or hire of goods by, or the services of, any person in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - By omitting the whole of sub-item (F).	Free	Free	Free ”
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DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

376. By adding after “handbags” (second time occurring) in sub-item (H) the following :— “; purse frames”.			
400. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(b) Goods imported for repair or alteration and intended to be returned to the country whence imported, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”
404. By adding a new item 404 as follows:— “404. Samples which, in the opinion of the Minister, are of negligible value and which are to be used for promoting orders for the importation of goods of the kind represented by the samples, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1954* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1954* as so amended.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
23.	By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “23 Ex 105 Textile piece goods of wool or containing wool to which— (a) paragraph (4) of sub-item (e) of Item 105, except in respect of cut pile moquettes ; (b) paragraph (1), paragraph (2), paragraph (3) or paragraph (6) of sub-item (f) of Item 105 ; or (c) sub-item (L) of Item 105, in the Schedule to the <i>Customs Tariff 1933-1956</i> , or that Act as amended from time to time, or as proposed to be amended from time to time by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament, applies	22½ per cent. ad val.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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## 6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

## Tariff Board—Reports—

Bags, Sacks, Packs and Bales.  
 Chemicals of the Thiocarbamyl Type.  
 Fish Preserved in Tins.  
 Forged Steel Spades.  
 Furnishing and Upholstery Piece Goods.  
 Locomotives as used underground in Mines.  
 Medicinal Preparations.  
 Men's Half Hose, Men's and Boys' Full Golf Hose, Women's and Girls' Stockings, and Socks and Stockings N.E.I.  
 Piece Goods used as substitutes for Canvas and Duck.  
 Pneumatic Hand Tools.  
 Purse Frames.  
 Single or Multi-Tyned Cultivators.  
 Women's and Children's Socks.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

## 7. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

## 8. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 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.

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

## AYES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden	

## NOES, 32.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 56.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

13. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE 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.

Mr. Beazley rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

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

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

**THURSDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1956.**

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
31st October, 1956—*Message No. 92*—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1956.

15. AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION 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.

*Member named and suspended.*—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Lawrence) named the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Cairns) for again interjecting after having been warned from the Chair.

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the honorable Member for Yarra be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

**AYES, 54.**

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

**NOES, 32.**

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at eight minutes to one o'clock a.m., for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

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

16. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) on the 24th October, 1956 (*see page 338*).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Osborne 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 Mr. Osborne, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. H. E. Holt do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

17. CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION) BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921–1936*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Question—put and passed. —Bill read a second time.  
 Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At nineteen minutes past one o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

19. 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:—  
 29th October, 1956—*Message No. 57*—  
 Defence 1956.  
 Air Force 1956.  
 Distillation 1956.  
 Wool Products Bounty Act Repeal 1956.  
 Loan (Housing) 1956.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
 31st October, 1956—*Message*—  
 No. 93—Sugar Agreement 1956.  
 No. 94—Customs Tariff (No. 4) 1956 (*without requests*).  
 No. 95—Excise Tariff (No. 3) 1956 (*without requests*).

21. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1955–56.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Public Service Arbitration Act—  
 Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration—Determination No. 110 of 1956 (Determination by the Public Service Arbitrator 1955, No. 23—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia and others).  
 Determination—1956—No. 104—Musicians' Union of Australia.

22. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CUSTOMS HOUSE, MELBOURNE.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely:—Erection of additions to Customs House, Flinders-street, Melbourne.  
 Mr. Fairhall laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.  
 Question—put and passed.

23. AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION 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.  
 Mr. Morgan rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put.

31st October and 1st November, 1956.

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

AYES, 55.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	
NOES, 31.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Griffiths
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Wheeler	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 56.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	
NOES, 30.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Griffiths
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.)*

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated.

Mr. Ward addressing the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 53.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 32.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



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And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.  
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Holt the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	Mr. Griffiths

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

24. SITUATION IN EGYPT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.— Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the invasion of Egypt by Israel and the ultimatum delivered to both countries by Great Britain and France, and informed the House that the Government believed that the latter action was proper. The Government had not been asked to make any commitments, nor had it made any.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also making a Statement with reference to the matter—*Member named and suspended*.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Lilley (Mr. Wight) for again interjecting after having been warned from the Chair.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the honorable Member for Lilley be suspended from the service of the House.  
Question—put and passed.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at eleven minutes to nine o'clock p.m., for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr. Evatt continued his Statement.

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

1st November, 1956—*Message*—

No. 96—Home Nursing Subsidy 1956.

No. 97—Loans Securities 1956.

No. 98—States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) 1956.

No. 99—Supplementary Appropriation 1955–56 (*without requests*).

No. 100—Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) 1955–56.

No. 101—Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1956.

No. 102—Northern Territory (Administration) (No. 2) 1956.

26. LAND TAX ABOLITION 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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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27. REPATRIATION (FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE) 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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 7—

Mr. Haylen moved the following amendment:—Page 5, lines 33 and 34, omit “sub-sections (3.) and (4.) of section thirty-seven and”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

**AYES, 49.**

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

**NOES, 27.**

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

29. ESTATE DUTY 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

30. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL (No. 2) 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

31. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

32. REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 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 --  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

33. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 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--  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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34. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1956.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 104.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 1st November, 1956.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1—Page 3, clause 4, after paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1.) insert the following paragraph:—

"(aa) by omitting paragraph (k) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—  
'(k) pensions and attendants' allowances paid, and payments of a like nature made, under the Repatriation Act 1920-1956, the Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956 or the Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1955;';".

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No. 2—Page 20, after clause 21 insert the following new clause :—

- “ 21A. Section two hundred and sixty-five A of the Principal Act is amended—
- (a) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words ‘ *Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920–1943* ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ *Repatriation Act 1920–1956* or under the *Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956* ’; and
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (4.) all the words to and including the words ‘ that Act ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ Any decision of an authority constituted under the *Repatriation Act 1920–1956* on any question affecting the right of any dependants of a deceased member of the Forces to a pension under that Act or under the *Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956* ’.”

Release of liability of members of Defence Force on death.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health), the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Cameron, the House adopted the Report.

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

- 1st November, 1956—*Message*—
- No. 103—Tractor Bounty (No. 2) 1956.
- No. 105—States Grants 1956.
- No. 106—Conciliation and Arbitration (No. 2) 1956.
- No. 107—Public Service Arbitration (No. 2) 1956.
- No. 108—Australian National Airlines 1956.
- No. 109—Aluminium Industry 1956.

36. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Robertson (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, lines 16–23, omit paragraph (d), insert the following paragraph :—

- “ (d) that person, not being a person to whom the last preceding paragraph applies, served, after the commencement of the *Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956*, in an area prescribed to be, or to have been, an operational area for the purposes of this paragraph.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Robertson, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

37. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS 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. 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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38. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).  
The Report was read by the Clerk as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed :—

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Fourth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1955-56.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Report for year 1955-56.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1955-56.

Report of Government Members Rail Standardization Committee.

Report of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party on Rail Standardization.

R. L. DEAN,  
Chairman.

1st November, 1956.

Mr. Dean moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

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

2nd November, 1956, a.m.—*Message*—

No. 110—Stevedoring Industry Charge 1956 (*without requests*).

No. 111—Land Tax Abolition 1956.

No. 112—Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) 1956.

No. 113—Customs Tariff Validation 1956 (*without requests*).

40. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.

41. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Thursday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brand, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan\* and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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