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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1957.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Haylen presented a Petition from certain electors of the State of New South Wales praying that the Government will, at the earliest practicable date, take legislative action to effect two amendments of the Constitution for the purpose of remedying political, social and economic disabilities of aborigines.
Petition received and read.
3. SUEZ CANAL USE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the decision of the United Kingdom Government to withdraw its request to United Kingdom shipping to avoid using the Suez Canal, and to the support given that decision by the Australian Government.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. 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—
Beaumaris, Victoria.
South Grawlin, New South Wales.
South Macksville, New South Wales.
Wongalea, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—R. G. Genge.
Repatriation—A. A. Serradura, R. Solomons.
Works—B. A. Brooks, B. J. Mullan, P. Winder.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1957—
No. 20—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 21—Federated Shipwrights and Ship Constructors' Association of Australia.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—AUTOMATIC WAGE ADJUSTMENTS.—Mr. Clarey having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's consistent opposition to the incorporation in Federal Awards of automatic wage adjustments resulting in denial of wage justice, reduction in living standards and serious industrial unrest"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Clarey addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. Crean rising to address the House—
Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957.—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 1 and 2, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
14th May, 1957—*Message No. 18—Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1957.*
8. WHEAT RESEARCH BILL 1957.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to establish a Wheat Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McMahon 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. McMahon 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.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9, Government Business.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—WHEAT TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—

Interpretation.

- That, in this Resolution—
“tax” mean tax imposed upon wheat by the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution;
“the Board” mean the Australian Wheat Board.

Imposition of tax on wheat.

- That a tax be imposed, and be levied and paid, upon wheat—
(a) which has been delivered to the Board on or after the first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and before the date of commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution; or
(b) which is delivered to the Board on or after that date.

Rate of tax.

- That the rate of the tax be one-fourth of a penny for each bushel of wheat.

Tax payable by the Board.

4.—(1.) That the amount of tax in respect of any wheat be a debt due to the Commonwealth by the Board and be payable in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this paragraph.

(2.) That, subject to the next succeeding sub-paragraph, amounts of tax payable by the Board be paid in quarterly instalments in respect of wheat delivered to the Board during the periods of three months ending respectively on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July and the first day of October in each year, and the payment in respect of each such period be made within fourteen days after the end of the period.

(3.) That the first payment of tax be made by the Board within fourteen days after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and be in respect of all wheat delivered to the Board up to and including that first day of July, being wheat in respect of which tax is payable.

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Reduction of tax.

5. That where, before the commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution—
 (a) a person who delivered to the Board wheat upon which tax is imposed authorized the Board to deduct an amount from moneys payable to him in respect of that wheat and to pay the amount deducted to a person, authority or association for the purposes of soil fertility research or other research likely to benefit the wheat industry; and
 (b) the Board deducted an amount accordingly,
 the tax otherwise payable upon that wheat be reduced by the amount so deducted or, if the last-mentioned amount exceeds that tax, tax be not payable in respect of that wheat.

Deduction of tax.

6. That the Board be empowered to deduct from the amount payable by it for wheat upon which tax is imposed an amount equal to the amount of tax payable upon that wheat.
 Question—put and passed.
 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. McMahon 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. McMahon, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
 Ordered—That Mr. McMahon and Mr. Hasluck do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. WHEAT TAX BILL 1957.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Wheat delivered to the Australian Wheat Board*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McMahon 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.

12. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 12 further debated, and agreed to.

Clause 13 omitted, after debate.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved the following amendment:—Page 3, after proposed sub-section (6A.) insert the following sub-section:—

“(6B.) A person whose liability to render service under this Act has been deferred under this section may volunteer, in the prescribed manner, to render that service and, if the person is accepted for service under this Act, the deferment granted in respect of the person shall be deemed to have been cancelled.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward rising to address 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, 51.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 33.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,

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

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	
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Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
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Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated.

Mr. C. R. Cameron moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

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

Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart
NOES, 53.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
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Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negated.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 20 debated and agreed to.

Clause 21 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 22 agreed to.

Clause 23 debated and agreed to.

Clause 24 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 25 and 26 agreed to.

Clause 27 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 28 to 30 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Barnard, Mr. Brand*, Mr. Calwell, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Jack*, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McColm*, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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