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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MAY, 1961.

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. J. R. Fraser presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Government will take immediate action to defer the rental increases on Government-owned dwellings in Canberra and immediately promote an inquiry into rentals in relation to costs of living in Canberra and the need for the establishment of a Canberra Basic Wage.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1959–60.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 54.
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 55.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—P. N. Benkendorff, J. Bodegraven.
Works—T. Armitt, N. P. Barwick, P. A. Blundell, G. E. Harvey, J. G. King, G. M. Miskin, J. J. Rourke, G. H. Shalovsky, E. J. Witts.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1961—
No. 13—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 14—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Dean brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed construction of a General Laboratory Building for the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories at Parkville, Victoria.
Ordered to be printed.
5. WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL 1961.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Overseas Marketing Act* 1929–1954.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Adermann 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.
6. COAL EXCISE BILL 1961.—Mr. McMahon (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 *Coal Excise Act* 1949.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1961.—Mr. McMahon (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 *States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949–1956*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921–1960* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that on and after the first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff 1921–1960* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
20. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 20. Coal, not being coal the property of a State, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - per ton	4d.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

9. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1961.—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.
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Whitlam moved the following amendment:—Page 2, lines 38–46, omit proposed sub-section (6).

Debate ensued.

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

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

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bury	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (DUMPING AND SUBSIDIES) (NO 1).—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 27th April, 1961 (see pages 65–9).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—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. Opperman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF (DUMPING AND SUBSIDIES) BILL 1961.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to certain Special Duties of Customs*”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

12. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1961.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 5 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Whitlam moved the following amendment:—

Page 3, after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph:—

“(aa) by inserting in paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.), after the word ‘infirm’, the words ‘and whose place of living as appearing on the Roll for any Subdivision is situated more than five miles by the nearest practicable route from each and every polling booth open in the State for which he is enrolled’;”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 4TH MAY, 1961.

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

AYES, 32.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 53.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clauses 11 and 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr. Whitlam moved the following amendment:—

Page 5, lines 5–16, omit proposed sub-sections (2.) and (3.), insert the following sub-section:—

“(2.) A candidate is entitled to appoint as many scrutineers to represent him at the scrutiny at a polling booth as there are ballot-boxes at that polling booth from which ballot-papers are being counted at any one time.”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

AYES, 54.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Turner	
NOES, 33.				
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 53.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 33.				
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McColm	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 15 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 54.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Turner	
NOES, 33.				
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clauses 16 and 17, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Proposed new clauses—

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 3A. Section nineteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word ‘one-fifth’ (wherever occurring) and inserting in its stead the word ‘one-tenth’.”.

Matters to be considered in distribution of a State.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 31.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failles	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 3B. Section twenty-five of the Principal Act is amended—
 (a) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section:—
 ‘ (1A.) Not more than ten years shall elapse between the making of one such proclamation and the making of the next following such proclamation.’; and
 (b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (2.) the word ‘one-fifth’ (wherever occurring) and inserting in its stead the word ‘one-tenth’.”.

Re-distribution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 30.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam	

NOES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 11A. After section ninety-seven of the Principal Act the following Part is inserted:—

‘ PART XIIA.—VOTING BY PERSONS WHO ARE ILL, INFIRM, ETC.

‘ 97A.—(1.) An elector whose place of living as appearing on the Roll for any Subdivision is situated not more than five miles by the nearest practicable route from each and every polling booth open in the State for which he is enrolled and who is seriously ill or infirm, and by reason of such illness or infirmity will be precluded from attending at any polling place to vote, or, in the case of a woman, will by approaching maternity be precluded from attending at any polling place to vote, may, if he has not already made an application under this section, in respect of the same election, and if he has not made application under section eighty-five of this Act for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot paper in respect of the same election, make application to record his vote under this section before an electoral visitor.

Illness, infirmity, approaching maternity.

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'(2.) (a) The Returning Officer for each Division shall, by writing under his hand, appoint in respect of each Subdivision into which his Division is divided, one and not more than one person to be the electoral visitor for that Subdivision for the purpose of taking votes under this section:

Provided that if circumstances so require, the Returning Officer may, with the written consent of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, appoint two or more persons to be electoral visitors in respect of any such Subdivision.

(b) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this sub-section the Returning Officer may, and shall if so directed by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, appoint as an electoral visitor a member of the Police Force.

'(3.) The Returning Officer shall provide each electoral visitor with a locked ballot-box with a cleft or opening therein capable of receiving the ballot-papers.

Before providing an electoral visitor with a ballot-box, the Returning Officer shall take such steps as may be reasonably practicable to exhibit for the inspection of the candidates or their representatives, the ballot-box open and empty, and shall immediately afterwards close and lock the same, and deliver or cause it to be delivered to the electoral visitor.

Where such ballot-box has been locked by the Returning Officer, the Returning Officer shall keep the key of the said box.

'(4.) An application to record a vote under this section (in this section referred to as an 'application') shall contain a declaration setting out the grounds on which the applicant applies and shall be in or to the effect of the form prescribed and must be signed by the elector in his own handwriting in the presence of an elector, and must be made and sent after the tenth day prior to the issue of the writ for the election to which it relates to the Returning Officer for the district in respect of which the applicant is enrolled, and shall be made and sent so as to reach such Returning Officer not less than seven days before the polling day for the election.

'(5.) If any application reaches the Returning Officer less than seven days before the polling day for the election, the application shall be deemed to be invalid and the applicant shall not be entitled to vote under this section.

'(6.) The provisions of section eighty-seven of this Act and the provisions of section eighty-seven A of this Act shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to an application under this section in like manner as they apply to an application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.

'(7.) The Returning Officer who receives the application, if he is satisfied that it is properly signed by the applicant elector, is properly witnessed and is otherwise completed, shall, if he has received the application not less than seven days before the polling day for the election, take steps as early as practicable to direct an electoral visitor for the Subdivision in respect of which the applicant is enrolled to visit the applicant for the purpose of taking the vote of the applicant.

'(8.) (a) As soon as practicable after an electoral visitor has received in relation to any election the first direction from the Returning Officer to visit any applicant or applicants under this section, the electoral visitor shall send by post a written notification of the fact to each candidate for the district at that election; and thereafter, at the request of any such candidate or of any scrutineer referred to in this section the electoral visitor shall as far as is reasonably practicable furnish such candidate or scrutineer with information as to the electors whom the electoral visitor proposes to visit, and the times and places at which he proposes to make such visits.

(b) (i) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint by writing under his hand scrutineers on his behalf at the taking of votes by electoral visitors under this section. Save as otherwise provided in this section such scrutineers shall be entitled to be present in the room or place in which a vote is to be taken under this section.

(ii) The provisions of section one hundred and nine of this Act shall apply to and in respect of scrutineers appointed under sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph. For the purposes of such application—

(a) a reference to a 'polling booth' shall be construed as a reference to the room or place in which the vote is being taken under this section;

(b) a reference to 'polling' shall be construed as a reference to the period during which the vote of an elector is being taken under this section;

(c) a reference to 'the presiding officer' shall be construed as a reference to the electoral visitor.

(c) Regulations made under this Act may prescribe the questions which an electoral visitor may put to an elector or which a scrutineer may request an electoral visitor to put to an elector when the vote of such elector is being taken under this section.

The voter's answer to any such question shall be conclusive.

'(9.) (a) All applications under this section received by a Returning Officer shall be kept by him.

(b) All applications under this section shall be open to public inspection at all convenient times during office hours, from and including the third day after polling day until the election can be no longer questioned.

(c) The Returning Officer shall in consecutive order number all applications received by him under this section.

'(10.) Every electoral visitor shall sign his name on the back of each ballot-paper issued by him under this section. The signature shall be placed in such a position as to be easily seen when the ballot-paper is folded so as to conceal the vote.

'(11.) The Returning Officer shall note or cause to be noted on the certified copies of the roll, the name of every elector for the taking of whose vote a direction has been issued to an electoral visitor by the Returning Officer.

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'(12.) Every visit by an electoral visitor under this section shall be made at a reasonable hour during the daytime, and if the applicant is for any reason unable or unprepared to record his vote within one half hour after the electoral visitor has indicated to the applicant or to any person in charge or apparently in charge of the applicant that he is available for the purpose of taking the applicant's vote, the electoral visitor may terminate his visit, and shall not be required to make a further visit under this section to such applicant in respect of the same election.

'(13.) An electoral visitor shall not visit any elector for the purpose of taking his vote under this section unless directed so to do by the Returning Officer, and it shall not be lawful for an electoral visitor to visit an elector for the purpose of taking the vote of such elector under this section at any place which is outside the Subdivision for which the electoral visitor is appointed.

'(14.) The following directions for regulating the taking of votes by an electoral visitor are to be substantially observed:—

(a) The electoral visitor shall issue to the elector a certificate printed on an envelope addressed to the Returning Officer for the Division and one ballot-paper.

(b) The certificate shall be in or to the effect of the following form:—

I.....of.....
(here insert place of living of voter as appearing on the roll) hereby certify that the signature of voter hereunder is my personal signature, written with my own hand.

Signature of voter.....
(in his or her own handwriting)

Signature of electoral visitor.....
(in his or her own handwriting).

The ballot-paper shall be in or to the effect of the form prescribed.

(c) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the electoral visitor, sign his name in his own handwriting on the certificate in the place provided for the signature of the voter. The electoral visitor shall countersign the said certificate as a witness in the place provided therefore, and shall add the date.

(d) The elector shall then and there in the presence of the electoral visitor, but so that the electoral visitor cannot see the vote—

(i) mark his vote on the ballot-paper in the manner directed on the ballot-paper;

(ii) fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen;

(iii) place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer and fasten the envelope.

After the envelope has been fastened the elector shall forthwith place it or cause it to be placed in the ballot-box provided by the electoral visitor.

(e) If the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, a person appointed by the elector shall mark the elector's vote on the ballot-paper in the presence of the electoral visitor, and shall then and there fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, place it in the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and place it in the ballot-box:

Provided that if no person is appointed by the elector, the electoral visitor, if so requested by the elector, shall take the action required by this paragraph to be taken by a person appointed by the elector, and in taking such action shall mark the ballot-paper according to the instruction of the elector.

(f) The electoral visitor shall not, unless the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him, look at or make himself acquainted with the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in paragraph (e) of this sub-section, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote or to assist the elector to vote or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

(g) A vote may be taken under this section by an electoral visitor, at any time before six o'clock in the evening of polling day.

'(15.) Every electoral visitor shall—

(a) comply with this section in so far as it is to be complied with on his part;

(b) see that the directions in this section are complied with by every elector voting before him, and by every person present when the elector votes; and

(c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting before him.

An electoral visitor shall not influence or attempt to influence, in any way, the vote of an elector voting before him.

'(16.) No person other than—

(a) the elector to whom a ballot-paper has been issued under this section; or

(b) a person appointed by the elector or an electoral visitor acting in pursuance of paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of sub-section fourteen of this section assisting an elector whose sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance,

shall mark a vote upon the ballot-paper.

'(17.) Each electoral visitor shall immediately after he has carried out the directions of the Returning Officer and the provisions of this section in relation to the taking of votes under this section deliver the ballot-box or cause the same to be sent or transmitted to the Returning Officer.

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' (18.) (a) No person other than the Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which a vote under this section has been taken or an officer acting under his directions shall open any ballot-box delivered or sent to the Returning Officer under this section or any envelope contained in any such ballot-box.

(b) Any person to whom an application for a vote under this section is entrusted by an elector for the purpose of posting or delivery to a Returning Officer and who fails to post or deliver forthwith the application, shall be guilty of a contravention of this section.

' (19.) Any person present when an elector is before an electoral visitor for the purpose of voting under this section shall—

(a) obey all directions of the electoral visitor; and

(b) except as provided in paragraph (e) of sub-section fourteen of this section in the case of persons whose sight is impaired—

(i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote;

(ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote; and

(iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he may become acquainted with the elector's vote.

' (20.) At the scrutiny the Returning Officer or the officer assisting him shall produce all applications for votes under this section and shall produce unopened all envelopes containing votes taken under this section received by him up to the end of the period of seven days immediately succeeding the close of the poll and shall—

(a) compare the signature of the elector on each certificate signed by such elector under sub-section fourteen of this section with the signature of the same elector on the application, and allow the scrutineers to inspect both signatures;

(b) if satisfied that the signature on the certificate is that of the elector who signed the application and that the signature purports to be witnessed by an electoral visitor and that the elector is enrolled for the Division, accept the ballot-paper for further scrutiny, but, if he is not so satisfied, disallow the ballot-paper without opening the envelope in which it is contained;

(c) withdraw from the envelopes the ballot-papers contained therein and accepted for further scrutiny, and without inspecting or unfolding the ballot-papers or allowing any other person to do so, place them in a locked and sealed ballot-box by themselves for further scrutiny;

(d) seal up in separate parcels and preserve—

(i) all envelopes bearing certificates relating to ballot-papers accepted for further scrutiny, and

(ii) all unopened envelopes containing ballot-papers disallowed; and

(e) proceed with the scrutiny of the ballot-papers which have been accepted for further scrutiny.

' (21.) A ballot-paper issued under this section shall not be informal because of any mistake in spelling, if the elector has made clear his intention.

' (22.) If an elector to whom a ballot-paper has been issued under this section satisfies the electoral visitor who issued the same that he has spoilt his ballot-paper by mistake or accident, he may on giving it up, receive a new ballot-paper from the electoral visitor who shall cancel and preserve the spoilt ballot-paper.

' (23.) Any person contravening any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.'".
Debate ensued.

Mr. Whitlam, by leave, also moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

" 11c. After section one hundred and two of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

' 102A.—(1.) Where a polling place has been appointed in any convalescent home, hospital or similar institution, the Divisional Returning Officer shall provide at least two polling booths therein, ^{Mobile booths in hospitals, &c.}

' (2.) One or more of such booths designated by the Divisional Returning Officer shall be used as a mobile booth for the purpose of affording an opportunity to vote to every elector who—

(a) is for the time being resident in the home, hospital or institution in which the booth is situated; and

(b) by reason of illness or infirmity, or, in the case of a women, by reason of approaching maternity, is unable to attend at the polling place to record his vote; and

(c) has, by message to the presiding officer in charge of the polling place, requested him to afford the elector an opportunity to record his vote at such mobile booth.

Every person to whom any such message is given for delivery to the presiding officer, shall, unless otherwise ordered by a legally qualified medical practitioner, deliver such message forthwith to the presiding officer in charge of the polling place.

Any person contravening this sub-section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

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' (3.) Where any such message has been received by the presiding officer in charge of the polling place he shall direct the assistant presiding officer in charge of a mobile booth to afford the elector an opportunity to record his vote by visiting the elector at some time before the close of the poll. On any such visit the assistant presiding officer shall take with him the ballot-box provided for the booth and shall be accompanied by his poll clerk and such of the scrutineers appointed in respect of the booth as choose to accompany him.

On any such visit to an elector the elector's vote shall so far as it is reasonably practicable be taken in all respects as if the vote were recorded in a polling booth under usual conditions.

No visit shall be made under this section if such visit is forbidden by a legally qualified medical practitioner.'".

Debate continued.

Motion for the insertion of proposed new clause 11c, temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

Debate continued.

Question—That the new clause 11A proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

AYES, 31.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McColm	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 50.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

The motion for the insertion of proposed new clause 11c previously moved by Mr. Whitlam and temporarily withdrawn, was again moved, viz.:—that the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

" 11c. After section one hundred and two of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

' 102A.—(1.) Where a polling place has been appointed in any convalescent home, ^{Mobile booths in hospitals,} hospital or similar institution, the Divisional Returning Officer shall provide at least two &c. polling booths therein.

' (2.) One or more of such booths designated by the Divisional Returning Officer shall be used as a mobile booth for the purpose of affording an opportunity to vote to every elector who—

- (a) is for the time being resident in the home, hospital or institution in which the booth is situated; and
- (b) by reason of illness or infirmity, or, in the case of a woman, by reason of approaching maternity, is unable to attend at the polling place to record his vote; and
- (c) has, by message to the presiding officer in charge of the polling place, requested him to afford the elector an opportunity to record his vote at such mobile booth.

Every person to whom any such message is given for delivery to the presiding officer, shall, unless otherwise ordered by a legally qualified medical practitioner, deliver such message forthwith to the presiding officer in charge of the polling place.

Any person contravening this sub-section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

' (3.) Where any such message has been received by the presiding officer in charge of the polling place he shall direct the assistant presiding officer in charge of a mobile booth to afford the elector an opportunity to record his vote by visiting the elector at some time before the close of the poll. On any such visit the assistant presiding officer shall take with him the ballot-box provided for the booth and shall be accompanied by his poll clerk and such of the scrutineers appointed in respect of the booth as choose to accompany him.

On any such visit to an elector the elector's vote shall so far as it is reasonably practicable be taken in all respects as if the vote were recorded in a polling booth under usual conditions.

No visit shall be made under this section if such visit is forbidden by a legally qualified medical practitioner.'".

Debate ensued.

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Question—put.

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

AYES, 33.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Killen	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 48.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Whitlam moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 11D. Section one hundred and six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting *Ballot-papers*, paragraphs (a) and (b) and inserting in their stead the following paragraph:—

‘ (a) the names of all candidates duly nominated shall be printed in the order determined as follows:—

- (i) The Commonwealth Electoral Officer shall, at the place of nomination, immediately after the close of nominations and before all persons present, make out in respect of each candidate a slip bearing the name of the candidate, enclose the respective slips in separate blank envelopes of exact similarity and deposit the several envelopes in a locked ballot-box;
- (ii) The Commonwealth Electoral Officer shall then shake and rotate the ballot-box and shall permit any other person present, if he so desires, to do the same;
- (iii) The ballot-box shall then be unlocked and an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service, other than the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, shall take out and open the envelopes therefrom one by one; and
- (iv) The candidate whose name appears on the slip enclosed in the envelope first taken from the ballot-box shall be placed first on the ballot-papers, the candidate whose name appears on the slip enclosed in the envelope next taken from the ballot-box shall be placed next on the ballot-papers and so on until the placing of all the candidates has been determined; ’.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 31.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McColm	Mr. Ward	

NOES, 49.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bury	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 11E. Section one hundred and eleven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting *The polling*, from paragraphs (b) and (c) the words ‘ eight o’clock in the evening ’ (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words ‘ six o’clock in the evening ’.”

Debate ensued,

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Closure.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 49.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 31.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McColm	Mr. Ward	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 34.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chaney	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whitlam	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Wight	

NOES, 46.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Whitlam moved, by leave, That the following new clauses be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 12A. Section one hundred and twenty-three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) the words ‘ all the remaining candidates ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ the number of candidates required to be elected ’.”

Marking of votes in a Senate election.

“ 13A. Section one hundred and thirty-three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

Informal ballot-papers.

‘ (b) In a Senate election, it has no vote indicated on it, or it does not indicate the voter’s first preference for one candidate and the order of his preference for the number of candidates required to be elected; ’.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 29.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 49.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Whitlam moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

- “ 13B. Section one hundred and forty-five of the Principal Act is amended— Rates of
Expenditure.
- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) the words ‘ Five hundred pounds ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ Seven hundred and fifty pounds ’; and
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (b) the words ‘ Two hundred and fifty pounds ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ Five hundred pounds ’.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 29.

Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McLvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 44.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Freeth asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr. Freeth 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.

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

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

13. SELECT COMMITTEE ON VOTING RIGHTS OF ABORIGINALS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Members as members of the Select Committee on Voting Rights of Aborigines:—

Mr. Barnes, Mr. Browne, Mr. Howson and Mr. Pearce had been appointed by the Prime Minister and Mr. Beazley, Mr. Luchetti and Mr. Nelson by the Leader of the Opposition.

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

3rd May, 1961—*Message*—

No. 6—Judges' Pensions 1961.

No. 7—Export Payments Insurance Corporation 1961.

No. 8—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1961.

No. 9—National Health 1961.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the house do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Browne, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Fairhall*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Jess, Mr. Kearney, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Murray and Mr. Riordan.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.