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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 134.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1965.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Hasluck, he would act as Minister for External Affairs.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1964-65.
5. PERTH AIRPORT—EXTENSION OF RUNWAY AND ASSOCIATED TAXIWAY WORKS—APPROVAL OF WORK.—
Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1965*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House:—Extension of the 02/20 Runway to 10,500 feet and associated Taxiway Works at Perth Airport.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1965.—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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitlam, viz.:*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House notes with approval that, in response to public pressure, the Government has introduced this limited Bill but deplores:—
(1) the Government's failure to hold a referendum, as unanimously recommended by the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review in its Reports presented to the House on 1st October, 1958, and 26th November, 1959, to give the Parliament power to make comprehensive national laws with respect to restrictive trade practices; and
(2) its abandonment of a substantial part of the proposals of the former Attorney-General for legislation on restrictive trade practices and monopolies, as outlined to the House on the 6th December, 1962, particularly with respect to resale price maintenance, persistent price cutting, monopolization and mergers"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. England	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bowen	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Sir R. Menzies	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jess	Mr. Pettitt	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Gibbs	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Shaw	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Aston
Mr. Davis	Mr. Giles	Mr. King	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harding	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Collard	Mr. Devine	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Connor	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(*In the committee.*)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

Ordered—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:—

30th November, 1965—Message No. 241—National Health 1965.

8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1965.—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. Turner moved, That this Bill be referred to a select committee.

Debate ensued.

Motion negatived.

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—

On the motion of Mr. Bowen, the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 3, line 13, omit “ to the person or his dependants ”, insert “ to, or for the benefit of, the person or his dependants or by the transfer of that amount to another fund in which, as a result of the transfer, the person acquires, or his dependants acquire, as the case may be, a fully-secured right (including a contingent right) to receive superannuation benefits, being a right that is not less valuable than the first-mentioned right ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Bowen, the following amendment was made:—

Page 4, before paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph:—

“(aa) by omitting from sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (ja) the words ‘ dependants of members ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ a spouse, child or dependant of a member ’;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Bowen, the following amendments were made together, after debate:—
Page 6, proposed section 23F, sub-section (1.), before the definition of ‘ employee ’ insert the following definition:—

“ ‘ dependant ’, in relation to an employee, includes the spouse and any child of the employee;”.

Page 6, lines 31 and 32, omit “ the Commissioner is satisfied that ”.

Page 6, lines 45 and 46, omit “ in respect of that employee ”.

Page 7, lines 18 to 22, omit “ and was communicated in writing to the employee either before, or at the time when, contributions were first paid to the fund in respect of the employee or of his dependants ”, insert “ and notice in writing of the existence of that right was given to the employee not later than the time when contributions were first paid to the fund in respect of the employee or of his dependants or the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, whichever is the later,”.

Page 7, lines 32 and 33, omit “ will be ”, insert “ is to be ”.

Page 8, line 7, omit “ will be ”, insert “ are to be ”.

Page 8, line 10, omit “ will be ”, insert “ are to be ”.

Page 8, proposed section 23F, sub-section (2.), paragraph (h), omit sub-paragraph (iii), insert the following sub-paragraph:—

“(iii) the benefits, pensions and allowances that have been, are being or may be provided for the employee or his dependants from any other fund to which this section applies in relation to the year of income or has applied in relation to a previous year of income; and”.

Page 8, proposed section 23F, after sub-section (2.) insert the following sub-section:—

“(2A.) Where a deed or instrument relating to a superannuation fund contains a provision the purpose of which is to avoid a breach of a rule of law relating to perpetuities, the provision does not prevent the fund from being treated as an indefinitely continuing fund for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section.”.

Page 10, proposed section 23F, omit sub-section (6.), insert the following sub-section:—

“(6.) Where a requirement specified in sub-section (2.) of this section has not been complied with in relation to a superannuation fund in relation to a year of income but the trustee of the fund satisfies the Commissioner that, by reason of special circumstances that existed in relation to the fund during that year of income, it would be reasonable for this section to have effect as if that requirement had been complied with, this section has effect as if that requirement had been complied with.”.

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Page 10, lines 32 to 36, omit " the Commissioner is not satisfied that an undertaking approved by him in relation to a superannuation fund for the purposes of paragraph (f) of sub-section (2.) of this section was complied with ", insert " an undertaking approved by the Commissioner in relation to a superannuation fund for the purposes of paragraph (f) of sub-section (2.) of this section was not complied with ".

Page 10, proposed section 23F, sub-section (10.), omit paragraph (a).

Page 11, proposed section 23F, after sub-section (10.) insert the following sub-section:—

"(10A.) Where it appears to the Commissioner that an undertaking referred to in the last preceding sub-section was not complied with during a year of income, he shall inform the trustee of the fund in writing of the respect in which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the undertaking was not complied with."

Page 12, lines 16 and 17, omit " the Commissioner is satisfied that ".

Page 12, line 18, omit " that " (first occurring).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 14, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Fox, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:—

" 14A. After section 53E of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

' 53F.—(1.) In this section—

" conversion costs ", in relation to a unit of property, means expenditure incurred by the taxpayer in converting or adapting the unit for use in connexion with the system of currency provided for by Part II. of the *Currency Act 1965*; and " unit of property " means a unit of property not being trading stock of the taxpayer.

Cost of converting plant for use in connexion with decimal currency system to be allowable deduction.

' (2.) Conversion costs incurred by the taxpayer in the year of income in respect of a unit of property used by him for the purpose of producing assessable income or carrying on a business for that purpose shall, subject to this section, be an allowable deduction.

' (3.) For the purposes of this Act—

(a) no part of any conversion costs shall be an allowable deduction, or be taken into account in ascertaining the amount of an allowable deduction, under a provision of this Act other than this section in the assessment of the taxpayer in respect of income of any year of income; and

(b) conversion costs shall be deemed not to be capital expenditure or expenditure of a capital nature.

' (4.) Notwithstanding anything in any other provision of this Act, the Commissioner may amend an assessment in respect of income of any year of income before the year of income that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, for the purpose of giving effect to this section.' "

Clause 15—

On the motion of Mr. Fox, the clause was omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof:—

" 15. After section 62 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

' 62AAA.—(1.) In this section—

" compensation payment ", in relation to a unit of property, means a payment received by the taxpayer in respect of the unit in pursuance of the *Decimal Currency Board Act 1963-1965*; and

" unit of property " means a unit of property not being trading stock of the taxpayer.

Provisions relating to compensation payments for conversion of plant for use in connexion with the decimal currency system.

' (2.) For the purpose of calculating the depreciation allowable under this Act in respect of a unit of property in respect of which a compensation payment has been, or is, or compensation payments have been, or are, received by the taxpayer during a year of income, the depreciated value of the unit at the end of that year of income shall be deemed to have been, or to be, as the case may be, reduced by so much of the amount of that payment, or of the sum of the amounts of those payments, as does not exceed the amount that, but for this sub-section, would have been, or would be, as the case may be, the depreciated value of the unit at the end of that year of income.

' (3.) Where the amount of a compensation payment that has been, or is, or the sum of the amounts of any compensation payments that have been, or are, received by a taxpayer during a year of income in respect of a unit of property exceeds the amount that, but for the last preceding sub-section, would have been, or would be, as the case may be, the depreciated value of the unit at the end of that year of income, the Commissioner shall successively reduce the respective depreciated values, at the end of that year of income, of—

(a) any unit of property acquired by the taxpayer during that year of income to replace the first-mentioned unit of property;

(b) any other unit of property acquired by the taxpayer during that year of income, being a unit of property of a description, or having a use, similar to that of the first-mentioned unit of property;

(c) any other unit of property acquired by the taxpayer during that year of income;

(d) any other unit of property owned by the taxpayer, being a unit of property of a description, or having a use, similar to that of the first-mentioned unit of property; and

(e) any other units of property owned by the taxpayer, by such amounts as are not, in the aggregate, greater than the amount of the excess.

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‘ (4.) An amount equal to so much, if any, of the amount of the excess referred to in the last preceding sub-section as is greater than the sum of the reductions made under that sub-section shall be included in the assessable income of the taxpayer of the year of income referred to in that sub-section.

‘ (5.) Where a unit of property of the taxpayer has been, or is, disposed of, lost or destroyed and the taxpayer has received, or receives, a compensation payment in respect of the unit in the year of income in which the disposal, loss or destruction took place or takes place—

(a) the depreciated value of the unit immediately before the disposal, loss or destruction shall be deemed to have been reduced by so much of the amount of the compensation payment as does not exceed the amount that, but for this paragraph, would have been, or would be, as the case may be, that depreciated value; and

(b) if the compensation payment exceeds that last-mentioned amount—

(i) the Commissioner shall successively reduce the respective depreciated values, at the end of that year of income, of the units of property referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, of sub-section (3.) of this section by such amounts as are not, in the aggregate, greater than the amount of the excess; and

(ii) an amount equal to so much, if any, of the amount of the excess as is greater than the sum of the reductions made under the last preceding sub-paragraph shall be included in the assessable income of the taxpayer of that year of income.

‘ (6.) Where a unit of property of the taxpayer has been, or is, disposed of, lost or destroyed and the taxpayer has received, or receives, a compensation payment in respect of the unit in a year of income succeeding the year of income in which the disposal, loss or destruction took place or takes place, sub-sections (3.) and (4.) of this section do not apply in relation to that payment but—

(a) the Commissioner shall successively reduce the respective depreciated values, at the end of the year of income in which the payment was, or is, received, of—

(i) any unit of property acquired by the taxpayer during that year of income to replace the first-mentioned unit of property;

(ii) any other unit of property acquired by the taxpayer during that year of income, being a unit of property of a description, or having a use, similar to that of the first-mentioned unit of property;

(iii) any other unit of property acquired by the taxpayer during that year of income;

(iv) any other unit of property owned by the taxpayer, being a unit of property of a description, or having a use, similar to that of the first-mentioned unit of property; and

(v) any other units of property owned by the taxpayer, by such amounts as are not, in the aggregate, greater than the amount of the payment; and

(b) an amount equal to so much, if any, of the amount of the payment as is greater than the sum of the reductions made under the last preceding paragraph shall be included in the assessable income of the taxpayer of the year of income in which the payment was, or is, received.

‘ (7.) The depreciated value of a unit of property shall not be reduced under sub-section (3.), paragraph (b) of sub-section (5.) or sub-section (6.) of this section unless—

(a) at the end of the year of income, the unit was used exclusively for the purpose of producing assessable income or had been installed ready for use exclusively for that purpose and was held in reserve; and

(b) depreciation under this Act is allowable to the taxpayer in respect of the unit.

‘ (8.) An amount by which the depreciated value of a unit of property has been reduced in pursuance of this section shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be depreciation that has been allowed in respect of that unit in the assessment in which the reduction was made.’.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Bowen, the following amendments were made together:—

Page 20, proposed section 79, sub-section (1.), after the definition of “ asset ” insert the following definition:—

“ ‘ dependant ’, in relation to a member of a superannuation fund, includes the spouse and any child of the member;”.

Page 20, line 41, omit “ the Commissioner is satisfied that ”.

Page 21, lines 16 to 19, omit “ and was communicated in writing to the member either before, or at the time when, contributions were first paid to the fund in respect of the member or of his dependants ”, insert “ and notice in writing of the existence of that right was given to the member not later than the time when contributions were first paid to the fund in respect of the member or of his dependants or the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, whichever is the later,”.

Page 21, line 31, omit “ will be ”, insert “ is to be ”.

Page 22, line 4, omit “ will be ”, insert “ are to be ”.

Page 22, line 7, omit “ will be ”, insert “ are to be ”.

Page 22, proposed section 79, sub-section (2.), omit paragraph (g), insert the following paragraph:—

- “(g) the reasonableness of the benefits that have been, are being or may be provided for members of the fund or their dependants from the fund, or from any other fund being—
- (i) a fund of a kind referred to in paragraph (jaa) of section twenty-three of this Act;
 - (ii) a fund any income of which is or has been, or, but for Division 9B of this Part, would be or would have been, exempt from income tax by virtue of paragraph (ja) of section twenty-three of this Act; or
 - (iii) a fund to which this section or section twenty-three F of this Act applies in relation to the year of income or has applied in relation to a previous year of income;”.

Page 22, proposed section 79, after sub-section (2.) insert the following sub-section:—

“(2A.) Where a deed or instrument relating to a superannuation fund contains a provision the purpose of which is to avoid a breach of a rule of law relating to perpetuities, the provision does not prevent the fund from being treated as an indefinitely continuing fund for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section.”.

Page 23, lines 24 to 27, omit “ the Commissioner is not satisfied that an undertaking approved by him in relation to a superannuation fund for the purposes of paragraph (d) of sub-section (2.) of this section was complied with ”, insert “ an undertaking approved by the Commissioner in relation to a superannuation fund for the purposes of paragraph (d) of sub-section (2.) of this section was not complied with ”.

Page 23, proposed section 79, sub-section (6.), omit paragraph (a).

Page 23, proposed section 79, after sub-section (6.) insert the following sub-section:—

“(6A.) Where it appears to the Commissioner that an undertaking referred to in the last preceding sub-section was not complied with during a year of income, he shall inform the trustee of the fund in writing of the respect in which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the undertaking was not complied with.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 21, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 22—

On the motion of Mr. Bowen, the clause was omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof:—

- “ 22. Section 82AAA of the Principal Act is amended— Interpretation.
- (a) by inserting in sub-section (1.), before the definition of ‘ eligible employee ’, the following definition:—
 - “ ‘ dependant ’, in relation to an employee, includes the spouse and any child of the employee;” and
 - (b) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the definition of ‘ superannuation benefits ’.”.

Clause 23—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Bowen, the following amendments were made together:—

Page 34, lines 7 and 8, omit “ the Commissioner is satisfied that the scheme has been complied with ”, insert “ the scheme was complied with ”.

Page 34, lines 14 to 16, omit “ the Commissioner is not satisfied that the scheme has been complied with ”, insert “ the scheme was not complied with ”.

Page 34, proposed section 82AAG, sub-section (8.), omit paragraph (a).

Page 34, proposed section 82AAG, after sub-section (8.) insert the following sub-section:—

“(8A.) Where it appears to the Commissioner that a scheme referred to in the last preceding sub-section was not complied with during a year of income, he shall inform the trustee of the fund in writing of the respect in which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the scheme was not complied with.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 28, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Bowen, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:—

- “ 28A. Section 121BA of the Principal Act is amended— Net income.
- (a) by omitting from sub-section (4.) the words ‘ the Commissioner is satisfied that ’; and
 - (b) by omitting from sub-section (4.) the words ‘ and that that income ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ and that income ’.”.

Clauses 29 to 41, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 42—

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the following amendment was made:—

Page 47, at the end of sub-clause (1.), insert “ but, in the application of those amendments in relation to dividends declared by a company on or before the twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, regard shall not be had to paragraph (b) of sub-section (2D.) of section 44 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act ”.

On the motion of Mr. Bowen, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 47, lines 11 and 12, omit “ paragraph (b) of section 7 and sections 9, 16, 17 and 19 to 26 inclusive ”, insert “ paragraphs (aa) and (b) of section 7 and sections 9, 16, 17, 19, 21 to 26 inclusive) and 28A ”.

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On the motion of Mr. Fox, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 47, after sub-clause (3.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(3A.) The amendment made by section 14A of this Act applies to assessments in respect of income of any year of income.”.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following further amendment was made:—

Page 47, before sub-clause (4.), insert the following sub-clauses:—

“(3B.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, the amendment made by section 20 of this Act applies to assessments in respect of income of the year of income that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and in respect of income of all subsequent years of income.

“(3C.) In relation to contracts, agreements or arrangements entered into, or rights, powers or options granted, on or before the twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, the amendment made by section 20 of this Act applies to assessments in respect of income of the year of income that commences on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, and in respect of income of all subsequent years of income.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes 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.

9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

10. **INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1965.**—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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

11. **INCOME TAX (NON-RESIDENT DIVIDENDS) BILL 1965.**—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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

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

30th November, 1965—Message—

No. 242—Superannuation 1965.

No. 243—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (No. 2) 1965.

No. 244—Universities (Financial Assistance) (No. 2) 1965.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 30th November, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for period 1st July, 1964, to 18th March, 1965.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—

Award—1965—C No. 1318—Amalgamated Engineering Union (Australian Section) and others.

Copper Bounty Act—Return for 1964.

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel(2).

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 171.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for lighthouse purposes—Williams Island, South Australia.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1965—

No. 222—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 227—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

Nos. 241 and 242—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 243—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Bury, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Curtin, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hallett, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackinnon and Mr. Peters.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.