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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE WAR—AUSTRALIAN LANDING IN BORNEO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the landing in Borneo made by the Australian Forces.
3. UNITED NATIONS' CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to statements by the Australian delegates at the Conference on World Organization now being held at San Francisco.  
Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement on the matter.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde), the Minister for External Affairs and Attorney-General (Mr. Evatt), the honorable Member for Ballarat (Mr. Pollard) and the honorable Member for Indi (Mr. McEwen), on the ground of urgent public business.  
Question—put and passed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Newcastle (Mr. Watkins), on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
6. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 17 further considered—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

“(g) for placing and maintaining in the Senate Chamber a bale of Australian wool so that for all time the citizens of this Commonwealth may appreciate that the greatness and wealth of this nation were founded upon and still exist upon the wool shorn from the flocks of Australia”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. White
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Lawson
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.  
Clause agreed to.

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Clauses 18 to 23 agreed to.

*Proposed New Clause—*

Mr. Corser moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“ 23A. During the operation of this Act, no money shall be spent by the Commonwealth to support, encourage or subsidize the manufacture of synthetic fibres in Australia or any Territory under the control of the Commonwealth.”.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. McLeod raised a Point of Order that the proposed new clause was not relevant to the Bill.

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman upheld the Point of Order.

*Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Abbott having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Francis		Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt		Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Lawson
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Corser moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of a proposed new clause.

Question—That the Bill be recommitted—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Lawson
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Report be adopted—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved—

That, in lieu of the tax imposed by the *Wool Tax Act 1936* on the wool specified in this Resolution, a tax be imposed on all wool—

(a) grown and shorn in Australia; and

(b) received or produced by a wool-broker or dealer, or exported, on or after the first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five,

at the following rates:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For each bale of wool .. .. .	2	0
For each fadge or butt of wool .. .. .	1	0
For each bag of wool .. .. .	0	4

Mr. Corser proposing to move, as an amendment, That the words "During the operation of this tax, no money shall be spent by the Commonwealth to support, encourage or subsidize the manufacture of synthetic fibres in Australia or any Territory under the control of the Commonwealth" be added to the motion—

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled that such an amendment would not be in order.

Mr. Corser moved, as an amendment, That the rate "2s. 0d." be reduced by "1s. 0d." Debate ensued.

*Member named and suspended.*—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Cameron) for insolence to the Chair.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the honorable Member for Barker be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Lawson		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Cameron) be suspended from the service of the House.

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

Ayes, 38.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
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Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Lawson		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Corser.

Amendment negatived.

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Dedman 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Scully do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. WOOL TAX BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Wool Tax Act 1936 '* ", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

9. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Francis moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde\*, Mr. James, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Watkins\*.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.