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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.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 informing the House of the terms of a communique announcing the latest operations of the Australian Forces in the Borneo area.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—M. J. Meston.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Military powers during emergency.
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Order by State Premier—Victoria (No. 60).
 - National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order by State Premier—South Australia (No. 3 of 1945).
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 56, 57, 58, 59, 60.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1945—No. 4—Liquor.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 postponed until after Clause 11.

Clause 11 debated—

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That after "Act" (page 6, line 43) the words "together with the Electoral Division of Wimmera" be inserted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Russell
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Scully
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Smith
Mr. Daly	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 15.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Holt

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Postponed clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated—

Mr. White, moved as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (d) :—

“(d) by omitting from paragraph (bb) the word ‘eighteen’ (wherever occurring) and inserting in its stead the word ‘twenty-one’;”.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment, That the words “and ending with the word ‘resident’” (page 7, lines 37 and 38) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “to the end of the paragraph” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Proposed New Clauses—

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

“ 11A. After section eighty-one of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 81A. Where the income of any taxpayer who has served outside Australia during the present war as a member of the Defence Force and has been discharged from, or ceased to hold an appointment in that Force, includes rent derived by him from a dwelling house occupied by him immediately prior to his becoming a member of the Defence Force and leased by him while he was serving as such a member to another person, and he has been—

(a) unable to obtain possession of the dwelling house for his own occupation ; and

(b) in occupation of another dwelling house or other living accommodation for which he has paid rent,

so much of the rent derived by him as in the circumstances of the case the Commissioner thinks reasonable shall be an allowable deduction.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Adermann
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser

Noes, 28.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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

“ 11A. After section eighty-one of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 81A. Money spent in the finding, conservation or reticulation of water for pastoral, agricultural or mining purposes shall be an allowable deduction.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 19th April, 1945 (*see* pages 44–6).

Motion agreed to.

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

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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. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

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

6. INCOME TAX BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins*.

* On leave.

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