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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron), took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, MURRAY-STREET, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Casey (Minister for Works and Housing), moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—The erection of an Automatic Telephone Exchange Building in Perth to be known as " Irwin " Exchange.
Question—put and passed.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, BATHURST, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Casey (Minister for Works and Housing), moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—The erection of an automatic telephone exchange and carrier building at Bathurst, New South Wales.
Question—put and passed.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK — TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA.—Mr. Casey (Minister for Works and Housing), moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—The erection of a building in St. Johns-street, Launceston, for telephone exchange and other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) asked leave to move a Motion without notice.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS ACT—REPORT FOR YEAR 1949-50—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper :—
International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1949-50—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Evatt 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.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—
No. 73—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 74—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 75—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.
No. 76—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

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Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—

Annual Report by the Acting Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, 8th October, 1949, to 7th October, 1950.

Annual Report by Chief Conciliation Commissioner, 8th October, 1949, to 7th October, 1950.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1950—

No. 1—Sale of Food.

No. 2—Tuberculosis.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College—Report for 1949.

8. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 5th December, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1949 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1949*.

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1949*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

10. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 5th December, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Superannuation Act 1922–1948 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Calwell 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 a later hour this day.

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12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
13. LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1950.—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. O'Connor 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 a later hour this day.
14. PRISONERS OF WAR—SPECIAL SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Papers [presented on the 12th October, 1950], viz. :—
Prisoners of War, 1939–45—Report of Committee appointed to investigate question of payment of special subsistence allowance, and
Prisoners of War, 1939–45—Special Subsistence Allowance—Report of Committee and Proposals of the Government—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed by Mr. Haylen, who moved as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—“ and that this House expresses its disagreement with the report of the majority of the Committee and its agreement with the minority report ”.
Ordered—That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Graham 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.
15. LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1950.—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. Keon 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 a later hour this day.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 17, Government Business.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1950, be amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1950 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1.) of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph (2.) of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ Proclamation ” means a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“ the Intermediate Tariff ” means the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “ Intermediate Tariff ”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
409. By omitting from sub-item (A) the amount "£125" and inserting in its stead the amount "£400".			
419. By omitting from sub-item (A) the following words :— "Syringes, except of glass or rubber ;" By adding a new sub-item (i) as follows :— " (i) Syringes other than of glass or rubber, viz. :— (1) Hypodermic, composed of metal and glass being of capacities up to and including 20 cubic centimetres - - ad val. (2) Other - - ad val.	15 per cent. Free	32½ per cent. 17½ per cent.	32½ per cent. 17½ per cent."

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Thompson reported accordingly.

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

18. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—

- Axes, Adzes, Hatchets and Sledge Hammers.
- Cane Cutting Knives.
- Carpenters' Claw Hammers and Engineers' Hammers.
- Chrome Chemicals.
- Coal and Stone Drilling Machines.
- Gloves, N.E.I., including Mittens.
- Hypodermic Syringes.
- Phenol.
- Secateurs.
- Tinsmiths' Snips.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

19. LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL) 1950.—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.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey (Minister for National Development) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 274), the Bill was read a third time.

20. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Wilson, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1949–50.

Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1948–49.

K. CAMERON WILSON,
Chairman.

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Mr. Wilson moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

7th December, 1950.

21. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

[*Excise Tariff Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

[*Egg Export Control Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Membership of the Australian Egg Board pending the holding of Elections of Members to represent Producers in each State* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

22. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination—1950—No. 77—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

23. STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 274), the Bill was read a third time.

24. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

25. STATES GRANTS (IMPORTED HOUSES) BILL 1950.—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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 275), the Bill was read a third time.

26. SERVICES TRUST FUNDS BILL 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (NO. 1A) 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL (NO. 2A) 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

29. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

30. BRACHINA TO LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD RAILWAY BILL 1950.—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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

31. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BRACHINA TO LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD RAILWAY BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, relating to the Construction of a Railway from Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield in the State of South Australia, to provide for the Construction of that Railway, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, relating to the Construction of a Railway from Brachina to Leigh Creek North Coalfield in the State of South Australia, to provide for the Construction of that Railway, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

32. BRACHINA TO LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD RAILWAY BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

33. PORT AUGUSTA TO ALICE SPRINGS RAILWAY (ALTERATION OF ROUTE) BILL 1950.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

34. STATES GRANTS (MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN) BILL 1950.—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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

35. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN) BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 44.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Provision by the States of Milk for School Children, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Provision by the States of Milk for School Children, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

36. STATES GRANTS (MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN) BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

37. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1950.—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. Speaker left the Chair, and 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

38. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 45.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1948*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

7th and 8th December, 1950.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1948*, and for other purposes. Question—put and passed. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

39. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

40. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Appropriation Bill 1950-51*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

[*Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill 1950-51*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

[*Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1949 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th December, 1950.

41. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m. Question—put and passed.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twelve o'clock midnight, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Resumption of Sitting.—At half-past twelve o'clock in the morning, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

42. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 13 to 15 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 16, Government Business.
43. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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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.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Holt the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 7, after “ *Customs Tariff* 1950 ” insert “ by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 2) 1950 and by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 3) 1950 ”.

Page 2, line 10, after “ *Customs Tariff* 1950 ” insert “ by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 2) 1950 and by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 3) 1950 ”.

Page 2, line 13, after “ *Customs Tariff* 1950 ” insert “ by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 2) 1950 and by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 3) 1950 ”.

Page 2, lines 18 and 19, omit sub-clause (4.), insert the following sub-clause :—

“(4.) Section one of the *Customs Tariff* (No. 3) 1950 is amended by omitting sub-section (4.)”.

Page 2, line 21, after “ *Customs Tariff* 1950 ” insert “, by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 2) 1950, by the *Customs Tariff* (No. 3) 1950 ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 18 agreed to.

The Schedules—

First Schedule—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendments were made :—

Page 11, omit—

“ <i>Customs Act</i> 1901–1949	Section 22— Repeal. Section 82— Repeal. Section 278— Repeal.”,
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insert—

“ <i>Customs Act</i> 1901–1949, as amended by the <i>Customs Act</i> 1950	Section 22— Repeal. Section 82— Repeal. Section 278— Repeal.
<i>Customs Act</i> 1950	Section 1— Omit sub-section (3.)”.

Page 11, omit—

“ <i>Customs Tariff</i> (<i>Canadian Preference</i>) 1934– 1948	Section 6— Repeal.”,
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insert—

“ <i>Customs Tariff</i> (<i>Canadian Preference</i>) 1934– 1948, as amended by the <i>Customs Tariff</i> (<i>Canadian Preference</i>) 1950	Section 6— Repeal.
<i>Customs Tariff</i> (<i>Canadian Preference</i>) 1950 ..	Section 1— Omit sub-section (3.)”.

Page 13, omit—

“ <i>Excise Tariff</i> 1921–1949	Section 3— Repeal. Section 6— Repeal. Section 8— Repeal. Section 9— Repeal.”,
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insert—

“ <i>Excise Tariff</i> 1921–1949, as amended by the <i>Excise Tariff</i> 1950 and by the <i>Excise</i> <i>Tariff</i> (No. 2) 1950	Section 3— Repeal. Section 6— Repeal. Section 8— Repeal. Section 9— Repeal.
<i>Excise Tariff</i> (No. 2) 1950	Section 1— Omit sub-section (4.)”.

Page 13, omit from the second column, opposite to the reference to the *Extradition Act* 1903–1934—

“(c) From that paragraph omit ‘ 1932 ’ insert ‘ 1935 ’ ”,

insert—

“(c) From that paragraph omit ‘ 1870–1932 ’ insert ‘ 1870–1935 ’ ”.

First Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

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Second Schedule—

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following amendments were made :—

Page 19, omit—

“ Customs Act 1901–1949	Customs Act 1901–1950
Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1948	Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1950 ”,

insert—

“ Customs Act 1901–1949, as amended by the Customs Act 1950	Customs Act 1901–1950
Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1948, as amended by the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1950	Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1950 ”.

Page 19, omit—

“ Excise Tariff 1921–1949	Excise Tariff 1921–1950 ”,
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insert—

“ Excise Tariff 1921–1949, as amended by the Excise Tariff 1950 and by the Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1950	Excise Tariff 1921–1950 ”.
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Page 19, after—

“ Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act 1911–1912	Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act 1911–1950 ”,
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insert—

“ Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1949, as amended by the Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Act 1950	Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1950 ”.
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Second Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Remaining Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed : Mr. Adermann 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to one 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 Mr. Bate, Mr. Beazley, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway*, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini*, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Sir Earle Page, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

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