

1951.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1951.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Haylen presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that this House express its opposition to the proposal to rearm Japan, and instruct the Government to oppose this rearmament by every possible means.
Petition received and read.
3. PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS—CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Mr. Eastluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, reported the results of the Eighth Session of the House of Representatives, 1951.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Northern Territory, 1950-51.

Please substitute this Copy for that previously issued.

Tariff Board—Reports—

Expanded Ebonite Insulation Sheet.

Formaldehyde.

Strychnine and Strychnine Salts.

Universal Milling Machines.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—

Annual Report by the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, for year ended 30th September, 1951.

Annual Report by Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for year ended 30th September, 1951.

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 1950-51.

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1950-51, together with Summary of Recommendations.

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

[*Beer Excise Bill 1951*] -

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Beer Excise Act 1901-1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate, has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 28th November, 1951.

[*Superannuation Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act 1922-1950', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

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[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Sales Tax Bills (Nos. 1 to 9) 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the following Bills :—

- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1950'* ";
- " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1950'* ",

and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Bill 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution, and to amend the 'Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill (No. 2) 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Customs Tariff (Export Duties) Bill 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose an Export Duty of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Tea Importation Bill 1951*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make Provision with respect to the Importation of Tea into the Commonwealth*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

29th November, 1951.

[*Customs Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1950', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1945-1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Wool (Contributory Charge) Bill (No. 1) 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wool (Contributory Charge) Acts (No. 1) 1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Wool (Contributory Charge) Bill (No. 2) 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wool (Contributory Charge) Acts (No. 2) 1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Commonwealth Grants Commission Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Grants Commission Act 1933-1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Public Service Bill (No. 2) 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Public Service Act 1922-1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1943-1944'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Defence (Transitional Provisions) Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946-1950' and the 'Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1950'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

29th November, 1951.

7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Luchetti proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The serious financial plight of local government authorities throughout Australia, aggravated by the failure of the Commonwealth Government to ensure adequate finance for the urgent defence and development programmes of local authorities"—

Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Luchetti moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Swartz moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64,

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Egging	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 44,

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Peters
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46,

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Peters
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon		Mr. Sheehan

NOES, 64,

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Egging	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

8. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, PERTH—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, 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 the results of its investigations, namely:—Erection of the "Irwin" Automatic Telephone Exchange, Murray-street, Perth.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

29th November, 1951.

9. TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, LAUNCESTON—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, 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 the results of its investigations, namely:—Erection of a Building in St. Johns-street, Launceston, for Telephone Exchange and other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

10. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1951.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for Mr. Holt (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 *National Service Act 1951*.

Question—put and passed.

11. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND (SPECIAL PAYMENT) BILL 1951.—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. Peters addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 44.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham		Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 44.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 debated.

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.

29th November, 1951.

12. DELEGATION FROM THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WESTMINSTER—PRESENTATION OF MACE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from the Speaker of the House of Commons, Westminster :—

“ MY DEAR MR. CAMERON,

8th November, 1951.

I am sending this letter by the hand of the Rt. Hon. Richard Law, the Leader of the Delegation that has been entrusted with the very pleasant task of making the formal presentation of the Mace which by direction of His Majesty is being presented on behalf of the House of Commons to the Commonwealth House of Representatives.

I am very glad that one of my first duties on my election as Speaker of the House of Commons is to be associated with this gift which is being made to mark the Jubilee of the Commonwealth Parliament.

I recall with pride that the Chair in which I preside over the House of Commons was presented by Australia.

My predecessor had the opportunity of welcoming you and other Speakers of Commonwealth Legislatures when the new Chamber of the House of Commons at Westminster was opened. I sincerely hope that it will fall to me to welcome you at Westminster again during my own tenure of the Chair.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. MORRISON,

Speaker.”

The Serjeant-at-Arms, from the Bar, reported to Mr. Speaker the presence of a Delegation sent by the Commons House of the Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to present a Mace to this honorable House.

Thereupon, Mr. Speaker, with the concurrence of honorable Members, directed that the Delegation be invited to enter the Chamber and to be received at the Table.

And the Delegation, having entered the Chamber, and having been announced as follows :—

The Right Honorable Richard Kidston Law, M.P. ;

The Right Honorable David Rhys Grenfell, M.P. ;

Mr. Joseph Grimond, M.P. ;

accompanied by Mr. T. G. B. Cocks, Senior Clerk—

were provided with seats on the floor of the House at the foot of the Table.

Mr. Speaker extended a welcome to the distinguished visitors and then invited the Right Honorable Richard Kidston Law to address the House.

The Right Honorable Gentleman, addressing himself to Mr. Speaker, informed the House that the Delegation brought the greetings of the House of Commons at Westminster. His Majesty The King had directed that a Mace, a symbol of the Royal authority, should be presented, on behalf of the Commons House of the Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia to mark the Jubilee year of the Commonwealth's foundation. The Delegation had come by the order of the House of Commons and in fulfilment of the King's direction.

On behalf of the Members of the House of Commons and of the people of the United Kingdom, he asked this House to accept the gift.

Having concluded his Address, the Right Honorable Gentleman, supported by the other members of the Delegation, presented the Mace to the House by giving it into the charge of the Serjeant-at-Arms.

And the old Mace having been taken away, the new Mace was laid on the Table.

At the invitation of Mr. Speaker, the Right Honorable David Grenfell and Mr. Joseph Grimond in turn addressed the House.

Mr. Speaker then, on behalf of the House, acknowledged the acceptance of the Mace.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, express our thanks to the Commons House of the Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Mace which, by direction of His Majesty The King, it has presented to this House. In accepting this generous gift, we do so with a full realization of the good wishes that accompany it and of its significance as a symbol of the freedom and the responsibility which we, as members of the British race, have inherited from the House of Commons. We ask the members of the Delegation to convey our affectionate greetings to their colleagues and we express our confidence that the highest aspirations of our peoples will ever find expression in their House.

And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having spoken in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen—

Question—passed.

The Delegation then withdrew from the Chamber.

13. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND (SPECIAL PAYMENT) BILL 1951.—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, as a whole, further considered—

Mr. Thompson rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

29th November, 1951.

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

AYES, 62.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Robertson	

NOES, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremeau	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 234) the Bill was read a third time.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945', as amended by certain Acts and Regulations, and for other purposes", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 29th November, 1951.

Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Haylen 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.

15. WHEAT BOUNTY BILL 1951.—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.

Suspension of Sitting.—At three minutes to six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At fifteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Member ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Gullett having been grossly disorderly by calling attention to the absence of a quorum of Members when, in fact, a quorum of Members was present, Mr. Speaker ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House.

The honorable Member accordingly withdrew.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

29th and 30th November, 1951.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bate	Mr. Egging	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Downer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Swartz

NOES, 31.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause 4 debated.

Mr. Ward rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 55.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Egging	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Drummond		Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Swartz

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clause 5 debated.

Mr. T. P. Burke addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

29th and 30th November, 1951.

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

AYES, 53.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummound	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins		Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Swartz

NOES, 25.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clause 6 debated.

Mr Robertson addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 48.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins		Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Swartz

NOES, 24.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clauses 7 and 8, by leave, taken together.

Mr. Turnbull rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 46.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury		Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Downer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Ryan	

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McColm	Mr. Ward
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Costa	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Luchetti		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clauses be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 235), the Bill was read a third time.

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16. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1951.—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.

On the motion of Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the following amendment was made:—Clause 13, page 6, at the end of proposed section 138, add the following sub-section:—

“(4.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, a member of the Forces who, on the expiration of his original enlistment or subsequent re-engagement, re-engages to serve for a further period, shall, if the aggregate of the period of original enlistment and the period or periods of re-engagement exceeds three years, be deemed to have enlisted for a period exceeding three years.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

17. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1951.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this sitting, brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘National Service Act 1951’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Holt 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.)

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. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1951.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Coal Industry Act 1946*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Holt then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill should be redrafted to ensure that the enforcement of all orders and awards shall take place in the ordinary course by proceedings before magistrates and that the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration shall not be vested with jurisdiction to punish by way of imprisonment for contempt in respect of any breach or infringement of any award or order of the Tribunal”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	

NOES, 24.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Creamean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

29th and 30th November, 1951.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egghins	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	Mr. Swartz

NOES, 24.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.				
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Egghins	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	Mr. Swartz
NOES, 24.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Evatt	Mr. James	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Costa	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 11 to 18 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

[States Grants (Universities) Bill 1951]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[Defence Bill (No. 2) 1951]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1950', as amended by the 'Defence Act 1951'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

29th and 30th November, 1951.

[*War Service Homes Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘War Service Homes Act 1918–1949’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (No. 3) 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1950’*, as amended by the ‘*Conciliation and Arbitration Act (No. 2) 1951*’”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Hospital Benefits Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Provision of Hospital Benefits*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Public Accounts Committee Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for a Joint Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Transferred Officers' Allowances Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Superannuation Bill (No. 2) 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Superannuation Act 1922–1950’*, as amended by the ‘*Superannuation Act 1951*’, and for other purposes”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Stevedoring Industry Charge Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947–1949’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*National Debt Sinking Fund (Special Payment) Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Payment of a certain Sum of Money into the National Debt Sinking Fund*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

29th and 30th November, 1951.

[*Wheat Bounty Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty upon the Production of Wheat delivered to the Australian Wheat Board*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Re-establishment and Employment Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945', as amended by certain Acts and Regulations, and for other purposes*".

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*National Service Bill (No. 2) 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Service Act 1951'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th November, 1951, a.m.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Amendment 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.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, after clause 1, insert the following clause:—

" 1A. Section fifteen of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947* is amended by inserting after sub-section (6.) the following sub-section:—

' (6A.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Governor-General may, at any time when the Parliament is not in session or the House of Representatives is adjourned for a period exceeding one month or for an indefinite period, refer to the Committee, for inquiry and report to the House of Representatives, a proposed work the estimated cost of which exceeds Twenty-five thousand pounds, and, upon receipt of the report, the House of Representatives shall deal with the matter as provided in the last preceding sub-section.' "

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the Amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report.

21. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Classification of Positions with Names and Salaries of Officers in the Service of the Bank as at 30th June, 1951.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Immigration purposes—Kurri Kurri, New South Wales.

Nauru—Ordinances—1951—

No. 2—Nauru Local Government Council.

No. 3—Public Service.

No. 4—Provident Fund.

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Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Defence—W. H. King.
 Repatriation—D. K. M. Toye, W. J. R. Wyness.
 Shipping and Transport—P. E. G. Wood-Ingram.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—
 No. 111—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 Nos. 112, 113—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 114—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.
 No. 115—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
 No. 116—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance
 —1951—No. 11—Liquor (No. 2).

22. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

23. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bruce, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Russell and Mr. Timson.

* On leave.

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