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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 66.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) announced that he would act as Prime Minister during the absence abroad of Mr. Menzies.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—G. B. Dellora, A. H. Faulkner, T. C. Fry, K. W. Hamilton, A. Johnson, O. F. Lobert, S. B. Roberts, R. E. Slutzkin, J. H. Ward.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—
Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Mullens moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the question.
Debate ensued.
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, 59.

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

NOES, 44.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremeann	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	Tellers:
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

6. LAND TAX BILL 1952.—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.

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

AYES, 56.

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

NOES, 45.

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

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 agreed to.

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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL 1952.—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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

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 *High Commissioner Act 1909-1945*.

Canberra, 8th May, 1952.

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. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *High Commissioner Act 1909-1945*.

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Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

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

9. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL 1952.—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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. SPIRITS BILL 1952.—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. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. WHALING INDUSTRY BILL 1952.—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.

12. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL BILL 1952.—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. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. STATES GRANTS (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1952.—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. Wheeler 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.

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The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 15TH MAY, 1952.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, 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. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Treloar, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.