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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 129.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

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. PAYMENTS TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing new categories of former prisoners of war eligible to share in the proceeds of sale of Japanese assets in Australia. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 Payments to former Prisoners of War—Ministerial Statement—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Norfolk Island—Report for 1950-51.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 National Development—P. G. Duff.
 Repatriation—M. I. Michelmore.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
5. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for Improving the Production and Increasing the Use of Wool, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Pollard 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.
6. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Meat Export Control Act 1935-1950*.
 Question—put and passed.
7. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—Mr. Ewen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Egg Export Control Act 1947-1951*.
 Question—put and passed.
8. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—Mr. Ewen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-1947*.
 Question—put and passed.
9. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 Question proposed—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.

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It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.

Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.

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

10. TELEVISION BILL 1953.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"this House declines to proceed with the second reading until the matters contained in or arising from the Bill are impartially investigated and a report thereon furnished to the House and that, for such purpose, the terms of the Royal Commission on Television issued on the 11th February should if necessary be extended, its personnel increased to secure broader and more effective representation, and the evidence and the report made available to the House not later than 11th May, 1953"*—

Debate resumed.

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.

11. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Lord McGowan of Ardeer, a Member of the House of Lords, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

12. UNIFORM TAX DISCUSSIONS—CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE MINISTERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the discussions at the recent Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers on the matter of the return to the States of their taxing power.

Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Uniform Tax Discussions—Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, February, 1953—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Mr. Hulme 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.

13. TELEVISION BILL 1953.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"this House declines to proceed with the second reading until the matters contained in or arising from the Bill are impartially investigated and a report thereon furnished to the House and that, for such purpose, the terms of the Royal Commission on Television issued on the 11th February should if necessary be extended, its personnel increased to secure broader and more effective representation, and the evidence and the report made available to the House not later than 11th May, 1953"*—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Haylen 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.

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

AYES, 47.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	Mr. Costa
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 47.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Costa
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald		Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 48.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall		Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Costa
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald		Mr. Russell	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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) addressing the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The Chairman ruled that the motion could not be accepted, as the Committee had negatived a similar motion within a quarter of an hour.

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 44.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Timson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Wentworth	

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Davies	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Costa
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald		Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4 debated—

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, 43.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Costa
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 43.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Costa
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 5 to 10 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

[*Fisheries Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 193.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act 1952'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th February, 1953.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Pearl Fisheries Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 194.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Pearl Fisheries Act 1952'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th February, 1953.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

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[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 195.

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 War Pensions*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th February, 1953.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Taxation Administration Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 196.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the administration of certain Acts relating to Taxation, and for purposes connected therewith*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th February, 1953.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Land Tax Abolition Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 197.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to repeal the Acts of the Parliament relating to Land Tax, and for purposes connected therewith*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th February, 1953.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Joske, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Ward.

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