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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 165.

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1953.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Australian National University Act—Report of the Council for period 1st July, 1951 to 31st December, 1951.
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 85.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 87.
 Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Order—Inventions and designs.
 Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 86.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Civil Aviation—I. D. Odgers.
 Postmaster-General—T. A. Birtwistle, R. E. Bogner, S. J. Catravas, R. B. Farr, L. J. Gleeson, R. F. Hempel, R. M. Hislop, R. L. Hopkins, R. R. Hulbert, B. Ray, L. H. Say, J. R. Walklate, C. R. Wilhelm, J. D. Young.

3. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 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—
 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.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, lines 13 and 14, omit " Queen Elizabeth the Second Coronation Trust Fund for Mothers and Children ", insert " Queen Elizabeth the Second Coronation Gift Fund ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

4. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION 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—
 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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 715), the Bill was read a third time.

5. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS 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—
 Debate resumed.

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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.)

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 (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.

7. CUSTOMS BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, 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.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment :—Clause 6, page 5, at the end of the clause add the following proposed section :—

“ 273G. No refund of duty under a by-law or determination shall be made unless the Minister is satisfied that in the case of goods imported for resale the benefit of the refund will be passed on to the purchaser or purchasers of such goods.”

Debate ensued.

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. WHEAT MARKETING BILL 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 9th October, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1948–1953’* ”, 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.

9. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT BILL 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 9th October, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of the Agreement Revising and Renewing the International Wheat Agreement* ”, 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.

10. CUSTOMS BILL 1953.—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—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), viz. :—Clause 6, page 5, at the end of the clause add the following proposed section :—

“ 273G. No refund of duty under a by-law or determination shall be made unless the Minister is satisfied that in the case of goods imported for resale the benefit of the refund will be passed on to the purchaser or purchasers of such goods.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 46.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	NOES, 50.	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
		Mr. Lucock		

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. LOAN (HOUSING) 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—

Debate resumed by Mr. Haylen who moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—" this House is of the opinion that the moneys should be advanced to the States but the Government should call an immediate conference of the parties to the State Housing Agreement (1945) and announce its intention of carrying out the Commonwealth's financial obligations under the Agreement and endeavour to secure an amendment to the Agreement which will enable tenants to buy their homes on easy terms, and which will secure a substantial reduction of the interest rate ".

Debate continued.

Mr. Whitlam was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. 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 twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Berry, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Davis, Mr. Failes, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Graham, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Wentworth.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.