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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 170.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST 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. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Text of an appeal of the National Council of the Republic of Poland to all Parliaments of the Free World with reference to an act of aggression against the Polish nation.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Tenth Report—Department of National Development : Further Report.
Ordered to be printed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 240.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914-1950 ' , as amended by the ' Taxation Administration Act 1953 ' ' , and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.*

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th October, 1953.

Ordered—That the Amendments 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 Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 3, clause 4, line 1, after " amended " insert "— (a) ".
- No. 2.—Page 3, clause 4, line 25, at end of sub-clause (1.) add the following :—
" ; and (b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—
(3.) In this section, " widow " includes widower."

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the House adopted the Report.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION 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. A. D. Fraser, viz. :—That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—" the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for—*
 - (1) the new pension rates to operate from 1st July, 1953 ;
 - (2) the rates set out in the Bill to be further increased to the same percentage of the basic wage as before this Government took office ;
 - (3) the amounts of permissible income and permissible property under the means test to be further increased in accord with the change in money values ;
 - (4) similarly appropriate increases to be made in those social service rates which have not been so increased"—

Debate resumed.

21st October, 1953.

Mr. Thompson rising to address the House—

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

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

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

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Gullett 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, 47.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham		Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 42.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

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 Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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.

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. McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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7. STATES GRANTS 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.
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. McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 733) the Bill was read a third time.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1952–53, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Egg Export Control Act—Sixth Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, for year 1952–53, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 9th October, 1953.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Supply—A. N. H. Cope.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Berry, Mr. Bruce, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Davies, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Joshua, Mr. Kent Hughes, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Timson, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Whitlam.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.