

1953.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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. **WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONABLE WORDS—SPEAKER'S RULING—MOTION OF DISSENT.**—The Minister for Social Services (Mr. Townley) having referred to the use in the House of a confidential departmental letter relating to war service homes as dishonest, and certain honorable Members having claimed that the remarks contained an imputation against them and were offensive and having asked for a withdrawal—

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that, as Members must accept responsibility for the matter they used in the House, he did not propose to order a withdrawal.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 49.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Sheehan	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Koon	Mr. Stewart	

Tellers:

Mr. Daly
Mr. Fuller

NOES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Timson	

Tellers:

Mr. Davidson
Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (3).
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Deniliquin, New South Wales.
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Broken Hill, New South Wales.
 Postal purposes—
 Castlecrag, New South Wales.
 Iluka, New South Wales.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1953—No. 14 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 19th November, 1953.
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.

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5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business.

6. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
- (2) That twelve Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
- (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions ;
 - (b) the Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members ; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine ;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ;
 - (d) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the Committee otherwise directs ;
 - (e) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee ;
 - (f) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported. Provided the Opposition is represented on the Committee, copies of the Committee's reports to the Minister for External Affairs shall be forwarded to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information ;
 - (g) subject to the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers or records ; and, subject to paragraph 4 (d), all evidence submitted to the Committee shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee ;
 - (h) a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that seven members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Mr. Calwell 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.

7. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2].—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 46 to 57, by leave, taken together—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment :—Clause 55, page 25, lines 2 to 5, omit “ Where a person contributes to the funds of a registered hospital benefits organization and under the rules of that organization an amount of not less than Six shillings per day is payable by the organization, in respect of the contributor.”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past four o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 57 had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColin	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

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NOES, 50.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That clauses 46 to 57 be agreed to—put and passed.

Clauses 58 to 76, by leave, taken together—

Mr. Morgan moved the following amendment:—Clause 74, page 32, line 6, after “ officer ” (first occurring) insert “ unless he proves the contravention or failure took place without his knowledge or approval or that he opposed it and on becoming aware of such contravention or failure notified the Director-General ”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 76 had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

Further question—That clauses 58 to 76 be agreed to—put and passed.

Clauses 77 to 139, by leave, taken together—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Clause 95, page 43, line 6, omit “ may, if he thinks fit,” insert “ shall ”.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Health (Sir Earle Page) having been called upon to speak—

Mr. Daly moved, That the honorable Member for Ballaarat be now heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 50.

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

NOES, 55.

Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearee	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 57.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Dean		Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	

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NOES, 48.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Clause 96, page 43, omit sub-clause (4.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(4.) Upon an appeal under this section the Court may—

(a) have regard to the evidence before the Committee of Inquiry and report to the Committee;

(b) demand further evidence either orally or upon affidavit or otherwise;

(c) permit the examination and cross examination of witnesses.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 58.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 49.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thompson moved the following amendment:—Clause 133, page 55, line 27, after “revoked,” insert “notice thereof shall be published in the *Gazette* and”.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 139 had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

Further question—That clauses 77 to 139 be agreed to—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole—

Mr. Joshua moved the following amendment:—First Schedule, page 57, Part 1, Item No. 1 (2) (a), after “practitioner” insert “or in the case of an ophthalmologist, by an optometrist”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the remainder of the Committee stage had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

AYES, 49.

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

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NOES, 58.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	

Tellers :

Mr. Davidson
Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report.

Sir Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948–1952’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

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

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930–1939’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide standards for certain Therapeutic Substances, and for other purposes* ”, 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.A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 25th November, 1953.

Ordered—That the Amendment be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 32.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Graham, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Wentworth.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.