

1953.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.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—
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1952-53, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1952-53, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
4. PUBLIC SERVICE COST OF LIVING VARIATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATION.—Mr. Clarey moved, pursuant to notice, That the amendment of the Public Service Regulations made by Statutory Rules 1953, No. 93, be disallowed.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Ward moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

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

NOES, 56.

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

And so it was negatived.

5. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the Second Session of the Twentieth Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 12th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to thank you for your Address in Reply, which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.

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6. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 24th November, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Life Insurance Act 1945–1950’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Sir Arthur Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
7. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1953.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1952*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Kent Hughes 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. Kent Hughes moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
8. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS’ RESIDENCES BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for Mr. McMahon (Minister for Air), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the application of the share of the proceeds of Prize captured during the State of War that commenced on the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, that is available for the benefit of members of the Royal Australian Air Force.
Question—put and passed.
9. NAVIGATION BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Clarey 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. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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.
Mr. Daly moved, That Mr. W. M. Bourke be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
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.)

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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1953.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

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 give the force of Law to certain Conventions and Agreements with respect to Taxes on Income, and for purposes incidental thereto.

Canberra, 18th November, 1953.

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.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to certain Conventions and Agreements with respect to Taxes on Income, and for purposes incidental thereto.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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12. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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, 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.

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

14. ESTATE DUTY CONVENTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. GIFT DUTY CONVENTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 24th November, 1953 (pages 28–36).]

Items 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Item 56 debated and agreed to.

Items 105, 106, 118, 122, 123 and 130, by leave, taken together, and debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Items further debated and agreed to.

Items 167, 171, 174, 176, 178, 194, 208 and 219, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Items 225, 229, 244, 280, 321, 331, 369, 374, 376, 395, 418 and 449 agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs agreed to.

Resolution 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.

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Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Mr. Beale do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

17. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, 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 Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 24th November, 1953 (page 37).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

19. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, 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 Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

20. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment of the 24th November, 1953 (page 38).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Mr. Townley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

21. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1952’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, 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 Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Daly called attention to the absence of a quorum of Members and Mr. Speaker, having determined that a quorum was not present, thereupon, at three minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned the House 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. Brown, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Wentworth.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.