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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 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—DISSENT FROM SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Ward called attention to a remark made yesterday by the Right Honorable the Prime Minister, claimed that it was offensive to him, and asked for a withdrawal.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the remark was unparliamentary and should be withdrawn.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

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.

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

AYES, 56.

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

NOES, 40.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Ruling be dissented from—being accordingly, put—

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

AYES, 56.

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

NOES, 40.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Organization—Thirty-sixth Session, Geneva, June, 1953—Reports of the
Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
Tariff Board—Report—Mica and Manufactures thereof.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—

Annual Report by the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and
Arbitration, for year ended 30th September, 1953.

Annual Report by the Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for year ended 7th October, 1953.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so
far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the
International Bank Agreement, for year 1952-53.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Mascot, New South Wales.

Defence purpose—Nowra, New South Wales.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Health—I. D. Carter, A. L. Ware.

National Development—D. E. Catley, W. D. Parkinson.

Social Services—H. J. B. Home.

Works—R. C. Hilton, P. W. Jeffries, D. P. Ruff.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Fourth Annual Report and financial accounts of the Australian
Stevedoring Industry Board, for year 1952-53.

Sugar Agreement Act—Twenty-second Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession
Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1953.

4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing
Orders Committee a Report dated 2nd December, 1953, recommending the adoption of a new Standing
Order incorporating suitable provision to meet the requirements occasioned by the proposed Opening
of the Parliament by Her Majesty the Queen.

5. NEW STANDING ORDER—PRESENCE OF HER MAJESTY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by
leave, That the following new Standing Order be adopted by the House :—

“ 1A. On any occasion upon which Her Majesty the Queen intends to declare ^{Presence of}
in person the causes of the calling together of the Parliament, the House shall attend ^{Her Majesty.}
Her Majesty at the time and place appointed.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NEW GUINEA TIMBER AGREEMENT BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced
the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ New
Guinea Timber Agreement Act 1952’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the
Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1st December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

7. ROYAL POWERS BILL 1953.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have
leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the exercise by the Queen of Powers under Acts of
the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 a later hour this day.

8. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1953.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the
Executive Council) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the
Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945-1952, as amended by the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1953*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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. Eric J. Harrison moved, by leave, 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, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McLeay reported accordingly.

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

2nd December, 1953.

9. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (VALIDATION OF APPOINTMENTS) BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 a later hour this day.
10. NAVIGATION 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 12 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

(1) That the Senate concurs in the resolutions transmitted to the Senate by the House of Representatives for the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.

(2) That Senators Gorton, Maher, McCallum and Wordsworth be members of such Joint Committee.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Public Works Committee Act 1913-1951’ , and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

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

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

Mr. Beale moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TARIFF BOARD BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Tariff Board Act 1921-1952’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

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

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

Mr. Beale moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

14. LIFE INSURANCE 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. Calwell 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 a later hour this day.

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15. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Taxation—Thirty-second Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1st November, 1953,
together with Statistical Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
16. LIFE INSURANCE 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. Crean 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 a later hour this day.
17. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (VALIDATION OF APPOINTMENTS) 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. 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.

18. TARIFF BOARD 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, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave,
the Bill was read a third time.

19. PRIVILEGE—TAPPING OF TELEPHONES.—Mr. Ward raised a matter of Privilege regarding allegations
of the tapping of telephones used by honorable Members, and moved, That the question as to whether
or not the telephones used by Members of the Parliament are being tapped, and, if so, by whom,
be referred to the Committee of Privileges.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Pollard 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, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis			Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 40.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Peters	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Ewert	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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, 40.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Peters	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Ewert	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward	

NOES, 54.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	Tellers:
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Dean	Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull	

And so it was negatived.

20. **FLAGS 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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

21. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.**—Mr. Watkins (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—

Report relating to the proposed erection of a Commonwealth Administration Centre (First Stage) at Melbourne, Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

22. **ROYAL POWERS 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. Bowden 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.

23. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1953.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ An Act to amend the ‘ Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910–1952 ’ ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

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

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

Mr. Hasluck moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

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24. STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1953.

Debate continued.

Mr. Thompson 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, 48.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham		Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 24) the Bill was read a third time.

25. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) asked leave of the House to move a motion appointing members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Calwell moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Vice-President of the Executive Council from moving the motion forthwith.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison then moved—

- (1) That Mr. Bostock, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Joint Committee appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
- (2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

26. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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, 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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27. LIFE INSURANCE 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. Keon 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, 50.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis			Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 27.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 50.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis			Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 27.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward	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.)

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.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

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 amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945-1950*.

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.)

Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

2nd and 3rd December, 1953.

29. LIFE INSURANCE 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.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 25, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 26 debated and agreed to.

Clause 27 debated—

Mr. Bryson addressing the Committee—

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 and passed.

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

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

AYES, 49.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis		Mr. Townley		Mr. Opperman

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of 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. Beale (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

30. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide—

- that the Legislative Council shall consist of a majority of elected members;
- that the Legislative Council be empowered to consider and report upon Estimates of Expenditure for the Northern Territory;
- that the Council be empowered to take steps to co-ordinate the functions of departments operating in the Territory".

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Gullett		Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Opperman

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

2nd and 3rd December, 1953.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Timson	
NOES, 26.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fuller
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	

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 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Nelson moved the following amendment:—

Page 6, lines 29 and 30, omit paragraph (a).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.				
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Gullett		Mr. Turnbull	
NOES, 26.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of 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. Hasluck the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

31. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 11.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to the provision of Pharmaceutical, Sickness and Hospital Benefits, and of Medical and Dental Services", 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, 3rd December, 1953, A.M.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

2nd and 3rd December, 1953.

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 4, clause 8, line 38, leave out “ eighty-one ”, insert “ eighty-two ”.

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 8, line 43, leave out “ and ” (last occurring).

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 8, after paragraph (e) add the following paragraphs :—

“(f) the National Health (Medicines for Pensioners Committees of Inquiry) Regulations, made under that Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of this section, shall continue in force until the commencement of section one hundred and five of this Act; and

(g) the Medicines for Pensioners Federal Committee of Inquiry and the Medicines for Pensioners State Committee of Inquiry for each State which were established by the Minister in pursuance of section sixteen of that Act shall remain established until the commencement of Part VIII. of this Act.”

No. 4.—Page 34, after clause 79 insert the following new clause :—

“ 79A.—(1.) Where, in pursuance of the last preceding section, the Minister suspends or cancels the registration of an organization—

(a) the Minister shall, at the request of the organization, state in writing the grounds for the suspension or cancellation; and

(b) the organization may appeal to the Supreme Court of the State or Territory in which the principal office of the organization is situated.

“(2.) The Supreme Court of each State is invested with Federal jurisdiction, and jurisdiction is conferred on the Supreme Court of each Territory, to hear and determine appeals under this section.

“(3.) The Minister shall be the respondent in the appeal.

“(4.) Upon an appeal under this section, the Court shall have regard to the documents which were before the Committee or the Minister and the report (if any) of the Committee.

“(5.) If the Court is satisfied that the organization has not contravened, or failed to comply with, a provision of this Act or a term or condition subject to which the organization was registered, or that it is not just and equitable that its registration should be suspended or cancelled, as the case requires, the Court shall allow the appeal and order the removal of the suspension or the restoration of the registration.

“(6.) If the Court is not so satisfied, it shall dismiss the appeal.

“(7.) The Court may, where it considers it just to do so, instead of dismissing an appeal in accordance with the last preceding sub-section, order the suspension of the registration instead of its cancellation, or order the reduction of the period of suspension imposed by the Minister.

“(8.) The Court may order either party to pay costs to the other party.

“(9.) The jurisdiction conferred by this section is exercisable by a single Judge of the Court whose decision is final and conclusive.”

No. 5.—Page 44, clause 97, line 24, leave out “ One hundred ”, insert “ Ten ”.

No. 6.—Page 44, clause 98, line 34, after “ may ”, insert “, after consultation with the Federated Pharmaceutical Service Guild of Australia,”.

No. 7.—Page 48, clause 105, line 21, after “ Regulations ” insert “ and the National Health (Medicines for Pensioners Committees of Inquiry) Regulations ”.

Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 5 to 7 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

32. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

2nd and 3rd December, 1953.

33. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

34. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Retirement of Mr. H. H. S. Temperly, Second Parliamentary Reporter.—Mr. Speaker made reference to the approaching retirement of Mr. Temperly, and, on behalf of all Members expressed appreciation of his service to the Parliament and wished him well in his retirement.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Swartz.

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

1953-54.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following Messages from the Senate, returning Bills without amendment or requests, were received after the adjournment of the House on the 3rd December, 1953 :—

[*Re-establishment and Employment Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945-1952 ’, as amended by the ‘ Commonwealth Bank Act 1953 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

[*Flags Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to declare a certain Flag to be the Australian National Flag and to make other provision with respect to Flags* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

[*Royal Powers Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the exercise by the Queen of Powers under Acts of the Parliament* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

[*States Grants (Universities) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

[*Customs Tariff Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1952 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

[*Excise Tariff Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE—*continued.*[*Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1952*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Wool Stores Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to certain Wool Stores*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Wheat Industry Stabilization (Refund of Charge) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Payment, through the Australian Wheat Board, to Growers of Wheat of a certain Season of certain Moneys in the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Income Tax (International Agreements) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Estate Duty Convention (United States of America) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to give the force of Law to a Convention with the United States of America with respect to Duties and Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons, and for purposes incidental thereto*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Gift Duty Convention (United States of America) Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to give the force of Law to a Convention with the United States of America with respect to Duties and Taxes on Gifts, and for purposes incidental thereto*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE—*continued*.

[*Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill (No. 3) 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to Income Tax*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1952’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

[*Life Insurance Bill 1953*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Life Insurance Act 1945–1950’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

1953-54.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 3rd December, 1953 :—

BILLS—NOTIFICATION OF ASSENT AND RESERVATION.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1953* ”

“ *Therapeutic Substances Act 1953* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 5th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Royal Powers Act 1953* ”

“ *States Grants (Universities) Act 1953* ”

“ *Customs Tariff 1953* ”

“ *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1953* ”

“ *Excise Tariff 1953* ”

“ *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1953* ”

“ *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1953* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 10th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *New Guinea Timber Agreement Act 1953* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 10th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act (No. 3) 1953* ”

“ *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953* ”

“ *Estate Duty Convention (United States of America) Act 1953* ”

“ *Gift Duty Convention (United States of America) Act 1953* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1953.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—*continued.*

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 11.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1953* ”

“ *Papua and New Guinea (Validation of Appointments) Act 1953* ”

“ *Tariff Board Act 1953* ”

“ *Public Works Committee Act 1953* ”

“ *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1953* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Re-establishment and Employment Act 1953* ”

“ *Wool Stores Act 1953* ”

“ *Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act 1953* ”

“ *Wheat Industry Stabilization (Refund of Charge) Act 1953* ”

“ *Life Insurance Act 1953* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 12th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Flags Act 1953* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General, His Excellency has, under Section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, reserved the proposed Law for The Queen's pleasure.

Government House,
Canberra, 12th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *National Health Act 1953* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 18th December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Navigation Act 1953* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 24th December, 1953.

The following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General was received after the adjournment of the House on the 3rd December, 1953 :—

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

Government House,
Canberra,
11th January, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the substance of the Address in Reply which you presented to me on the 26th November, 1953, has been communicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

It is The Queen's wish that I convey to you and to Honorable Members of the House of Representatives Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.