

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Flax fibre.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1953-54. together with Summary of Recommendations.
3. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McLeay (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Standing Committee of Privileges :—
Report relating to the alleged misuse of a confidential *Hansard* proof, together with Minutes of Proceedings—
and moved, That the Report be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Keon was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Holt) and the honorable Members for Corio (Mr. Opperman) and Riverina (Mr. Robertson) owing to their absence from Australia.
Question—put and passed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Fremantle (Mr. Beazley) and Hunter (Mr. James) owing to their absence from Australia, and to the honorable Member for Cunningham (Mr. Davies) on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 104.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 104 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of November next.
Question—put and passed.
7. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. A. D. Fraser, viz. :—*That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that the rates of age and invalid pensions be a minimum of £4 a week ; and to provide similarly for increases in the rates of child endowment, widows' pensions, unemployment and sickness benefit, dependants' allowance and other social services corresponding to the increase in prices so as to restore at least the former purchasing value of these payments"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Makin addressing the House—
Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

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Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Cramer | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lindsay | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Davis | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Downer | Mr. Haworth | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Bland | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Howse | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Bostock | Mr. Drury | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McColm | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Failes | Mr. Jack | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Wight |
| Mr. Brand | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Joske | Mr. McMahon | |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Osborne | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Francis | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Swartz | Mr. Gullett |

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| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Crean | Mr. E. James | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Cremean | Harrison | Mr. Mullens | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. W. M. Bourke | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Haylen | Mr. O'Connor | |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Joshua | Mr. Peters | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Bryson | Mr. Duthie | Mr. Keon | Mr. Pollard | |
| Mr. T. P. Burke | Mr. Fitzgerald | Mr. Lawson | Mr. Riordan | Mr. Daly |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Fuller | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Thompson | |
| Mr. Costa | Mr. Greenup | Mr. Makin | Mr. Ward | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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| Mr. Costa | Mr. Greenup | Mr. Makin | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric 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)—

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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 twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Edmonds, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Holt*, Mr. James*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Opperman* and Mr. Robertson*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.