

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence through illness of Mr. Anthony, Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) would act as Postmaster-General and would represent in this House the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Immigration Act—Return for years 1947 to 1953.
Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1953-54.
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—
Eighth Annual Report, for year ended 31st March, 1954, together with financial accounts.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 12th October next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—The Business of the Day having been called on—
Point of Order.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) raised a Point of Order and asked whether Mr. Speaker proposed to place before the House the notice given by the Leader of the Opposition of his intention to raise a matter of urgent public importance under Standing Order No. 106A.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the matter proposed to be raised was out of order as it was *sub judice*.
Proposed Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Evatt moved, That Mr. Speaker's ruling which precludes the discussion of the matter mentioned in the Leader of the Opposition's letter to the Speaker dated 29th September, 1954, under Standing Order No. 106A and referring to the principles which will be placed before the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in the forthcoming case on margins, be dissented from.
Point of Order.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) raised a Point of Order that Standing Order No. 106A gave authority to Mr. Speaker to determine whether the proposed discussion was in order and his decision could not, therefore, be questioned by a Motion of Dissent.
Debate ensued.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker upheld the Point of Order taken by Mr. Menzies and ruled the proposed Motion of Dissent out of order.
Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Evatt then moved, That Mr. Speaker's ruling upholding the Prime Minister's Point of Order on the Motion of Dissent moved by the Leader of the Opposition be dissented from.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—
Closure.—Sir Eric 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, 52.

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

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NOES, 42.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Motion of Dissent be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 42.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

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

And so it was negatived.

6. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. C. R. Cameron) for making an unparliamentary remark.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Hindmarsh be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 52.

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

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at two minutes to twelve o'clock noon for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1954.—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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr. Crean addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

30th September, 1954.

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

AYES, 51.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
NOES, 34.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lenmon	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Keon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and; by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. REPATRIATION 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. Haylen, viz.:*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"a Parliamentary Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the decisions and interpretations made under section 47 of the Repatriation Act"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Luchetti addressing the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric 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, 49.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 37.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	

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—

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

AYES, 49.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
NOES, 38.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Haylen moved the following amendment :—Page 2, before sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause :—

“(1A.) Section thirty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (b) of sub-section (3.), after the words ‘pulmonary tuberculosis’, the words ‘or mental or nervous disorder’.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

AYES, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keon

NOES, 44.

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

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 19 agreed to.

Proposed new clauses—

Mr. Haylen moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“13A. After section one hundred and eight of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted :—

‘109.—(1.) A person is eligible for benefits under this section if he or she—

(a) is a member of the family, as defined in section twenty-three of this Act, of a pensioner who is in receipt of a pension in accordance with the Second Schedule to this Act; and

(b) has the care of the pensioner.

Benefits for persons having care of totally and permanently incapacitated pensioners.

‘(2.) The provisions relating to the pensioner medical service contained in Part IV. of the *National Health Act 1953*, and the provisions relating to pharmaceutical benefits contained in Part VII. of that Act, shall be deemed to apply in relation to persons eligible for benefits under this section in like manner as they apply in relation to pensioners as defined in that Act.

‘(3.) The Commonwealth shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this section, propose to the States a variation of the agreements with the States relating to hospital benefits that are in force under section forty of the *National Health Act 1953* so that the hospital benefits provided under those agreements in respect of pensioners under the *Social Services Act 1947-1954* shall be applicable, subject to similar conditions, to persons eligible for benefits under this section.

‘109A. A member of the Forces, and the widow of a member of the Forces, is entitled, subject to such conditions and restrictions as are prescribed, to accommodation and treatment at a hospital established for the purposes of this Act in respect of any illness or injury (including an illness or injury to a member of the Forces not connected with his war service).’.”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

AYES, 34.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Keon

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NOES, 44.

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Haylen moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 16A. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words ‘ RATE FOR SPECIAL PENSIONS—EIGHTEEN POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS PER FORTNIGHT.’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ RATE FOR SPECIAL PENSIONS—TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS PER FORTNIGHT.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Pollard addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 45.

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

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Keon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 34.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
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Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Haylen moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 16B. The Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words—
 ‘ Loss of vision in one eye | 50 ’
 and inserting in their stead the words—
 ‘ Loss of vision in one eye | 75 ’ ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

AYES, 33.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Keon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	

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

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Francis, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY BILL 1954.—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 provide for the Government of the Australian Antarctic Territory* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 30th September, 1954.

Mr. Townley (Minister for Air) moved, That the Bill 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—

30th September, 1954—*Message No. 10*—Social Services 1954.

12. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) 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. Townley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Townley 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, 45.

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

NOES, 31.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 12th October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.