## 1954.

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REPRESENTATIVES.** HOUSE OF

#### No. 38.

## THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 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. PAPERS .- The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-
  - Trade Marks Law of the Commonwealth-Report of Committee appointed by the Attorney-General to consider what alterations are desirable, together with Report of Committee previously appointed.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

- Science and Industry Research Act-Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization-Sixth Annual Report, for year 1953-54.
  - Social Services Consolidation Act-Report by Director-General of Social Services, for year 1953-54.
- Severally ordered to be printed.
  - Conciliation and Arbitration Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1954, No. 107.
    - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes— Avalon, New South Wales.

      - Panania, New South Wales.
    - Public Service Act-Appointments-Department-
      - National Development—A. F. T. Tillott. Works—D. R. Eaton, H. O. Fletcher.
    - Public Service Arbitration Act-Determinations-1954-
      - No. 45—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia). No. 46—Transport Workers' Union of Australia. No. 47—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

      - No. 48—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association. No. 49—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
    - Re-establishment and Employment Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1954, No. 105.
    - Spirits Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1954, No. 110.

Television Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1954, No. 106.

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE-REPORT.-Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :-

Seventeenth Report-Miscellaneous Inquiries.

Ordered to be printed.

- 4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.-A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :-
  - 3rd November, 1954-Message No. 40-War Service Homes 1954.
- 5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY-RISE IN PRICES.-Mr. Daly having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to take effective measures to control the alarming rise in prices, particularly of basic commodities, resulting in severe hardship being caused to the community "

Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly-

Mr. Daly addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Peters rising to address the House-

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

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		AYES, 49.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Allan Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Bland Mr. Bowden	Mr. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Downer Mr. Drummond Mr. Failes Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Haworth Mr. Holt Mr. Howse Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske	Mr. Mackinnon Sir P. McBride Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne	Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Mr. Wight Tellers:
Mr. Bowden Mr. Brand Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. D. A. Cameron Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis Mr. Freeth Mr. Hamilton Sir E. Harrison Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Lawrence Mr. Lindsay Mr. Luck Mr. Lucck	Mr. Pearce Mr. Swartz Mr. Timson Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Davidson Mr. Gullett
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Barnard Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke Mr. Bruce Mr. Bryson Mr. T. P Burke Mr. Calwell Mr. Clark ud so it was resolved	Mr. Costa Mr. Coutts Mr. Cremean Mr. Curtin Mr. Drakeford Mr. Duthie Mr. Edmonds Mr. Fitzgerald Mr. A. D. Fraser in the affirmative	Noes, 44. Mr. Fuller Mr. Greenup Mr. E. James Harrison Mr. Haylen Mr. James Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshua Mr. Keon Mr. Lawson	Mr. Luchetti Mr. Makin Mr. McLeod Mr. Morgan Mr. O'Connor Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard Mr. Riordan Mr. Stewart	Mr. Thompson Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins Mr. Webb <i>Tellers:</i> Mr. Daly Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

#### Governor-General.

#### Message No. 23.

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 provide for Assistance to the Gold-Mining Industry.

Canberra, 26th October, 1954.

Ordered—That the 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. Menzies (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Assistance to the Gold-Mining Industry.

Question—put and passed. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered-That Mr. Menzies and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Johnson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

- STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1954.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Stevedoring Industry Act 1949, and to provide for an Inquiry into certain matters. Question—put and passed.
- 8. BANKRUPTCY BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Osborne), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. SOUTH-EAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENCE TREATY 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— Debate resumed.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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 a later hour this day.
- 10. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1954.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Stevedoring Industry Act 1949', and to provide for an Inquiry into certain matters", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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4th November, 1954.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Gullett), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time. Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time. Ordered—That Mr Holt be granted an extension of time. Debate ensued.

next sitting.

954.—The Order of the Day having been That the Bill be now read a second time— itive Council) moved, That the question be he Chair)— Mr. Lindsay Mr. Swartz Mr. Luck Mr. Timson Mr. Lucek Mr. Townley Mr. Mackinnon Mr. Turner Sir P. McBride Mr. Wentworth Mr. McColm Mr. Wheeler Mr. McCalm Mr. Wight				
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Bill read a second time. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.				
<ul> <li>(In the Committee.)</li> <li>Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.</li> <li>Clause 3—</li> <li>Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment :—Page 2, line 20, after "approved" add the following proviso :—</li></ul>				
Mr. Luck Mr. Townley Mr. Lucock Mr. Turner Mr. Mackinnon Mr. Wentworth Sir P. McBride Mr. Wheeler Mr. McColm Mr. Wight Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Tellers: Mr. Osborne Mr. Roberton Mr. Davidson Mr. Timson Mr. Gullett				
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And the question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)— AYES, 36.

		ATES, 50.		
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Barnard Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke Mr. Bryson	Mr. Costa Mr. Coutts Mr. Crean Mr. Cremean Mr. Drakeford Mr. Duthie	Mr. A. D. Fraser Mr. Fuller Mr. Greenup Mr. Griffiths Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshu <b>a</b> Mr. Keon Mr. Luchetti Mr. Makin Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward Mr. Webb Mr. Whitlam Tellers:
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Havlen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. James	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
	0	Noes, 47.	-	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
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Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
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Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	- <b>m</b>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	_
Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Evatt moved the following amendment :- Page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-

Question-put.

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

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		Ayes, 36.		
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Keon	Mr. Whitlam
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Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	
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Clause agreed to.				
Remainder of Bill, by	leave, taken as a w	hole.		
Debate ensued.				
Mr. Whitlam addressin	g the Committee-		•	
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Closure.—Mr. Casey m	oveu, inat the que	shon be now put.		
Question—That the qu	lestion be now put-	-put.		,
The Committee divided	i (The Chairman, M	lr. Adermann, in the	Chair)—	
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Mr. Allan	Mr. Downer	Ayes, 46. Mr. Haworth	Mr Luck	Mr. Townlay
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the remainder of 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. Casey, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT .--- Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
  - Debate ensued. Mr. Ward addressing 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)—

		AYES, 46.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Allan Mr. Bate Mr. Bland Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown	Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drummond Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Falkinder Mr. Francis	Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Howse Mr. Julme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Luck Mr. Mackinnon Sir P. McBride Mr. McColm Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne	Mr. Townley Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Tellers:
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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 three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next 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. Bostock, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey\*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drury, Sir Arthur Fadden\*, Mr. Fairhall\*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. Minogue and Sir Earle Page.

• On leave.

#### F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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