

1954-55.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 87.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—N. B. Digby-Bennet, R. W. E. Harnath, D. Ross.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Joshua moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Wills (Mr. Bryson), on the ground of ill health.  
Question—put and passed.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—PENSIONER MEDICAL SERVICE.—Mr. A. D. Fraser having proposed to Mr. Deputy Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The retrograde decision announced by the Minister for Health for alteration of the Pensioner Medical Service"—  
Mr. Deputy 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. Fraser addressed the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Fraser be granted an extension of time.  
Discussion ensued.  
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) be granted an extension of time.  
Mr. Keon rising to address the House—  
Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.

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

NOES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Creamean	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day. Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. **REPATRIATION BILL 1955.**—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:—“having regard to the sustained and continuous decline in the value of Australian money, the Bill be redrafted to provide substantially greater benefits for ex-service personnel and their dependants with effect as from the 1st July, 1955”—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. **WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 3).**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

**CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).**

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1954, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fourteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1954 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

26th May, 1955; and  
8th June, 1955;

“Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*;

“the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

**THE SCHEDULE.****IMPORT DUTIES.**

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.**

101. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:—			
“101. Vegetables (excepting tomatoes), dried, drysalted, concentrated, compressed, or powdered - per lb.	1s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.”

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.**

106. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Trimmings and ornaments, n.e.i. for hats shoes and other attire, not being partly or wholly of gold or silver; braids n.e.i.; fringes n.e.i.; frillings; rufflings; pleatings; ruchings; water-waved ribbons; tinselled belting n.e.i.; webbings n.e.i.; jabots and textile bows (not including bow ties), being articles of women’s apparel - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	22½ per cent.”
107. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Woven and embroidered materials in the piece or otherwise :—Badges, hat and cap fronts (badged), looping for boots and shoes; labels and hangers for all purposes including plain hanger material; tubular tie material in the piece; bands bandings tapes having printed woven or embroidered lettering badge design trade name or trade mark thereon; galloons; ribbons n.e.i.; belting for apparel not elsewhere specified and not being cut to lengths for belts; slipper, shoe, and blazer bindings - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	40 per cent.	60 per cent.”

**DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.**

137. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Aluminium and alloys containing at least 90 per cent. pure aluminium, viz. :— Angles, bars, channels, pipes, plates, rods, sheets, strips, tees and tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Aluminium and alloys containing at least 90 per cent. pure aluminium, viz. :— Wire - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.”
174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (12) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(12) Gills; screws, gill - - - - - ad val. By omitting from paragraph (93) of sub-item (M) the following :— “or with maximum speed in excess of 5,000 r.p.m.” By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (V) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(4) Boxes, gill; screws, gill - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
176. By adding a new sub-item (P) as follows :— “(P) Nozzle testing outfits for testing the breaking or opening pressure of compression ignition engine fuel injection nozzles - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”
178. By omitting the whole of sub-item (L) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(L) Fuel injection equipment including atomizers, compression ignition engine, and parts n.e.i. therefor— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	12½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	25 per cent. 45 per cent.	30 per cent. 50 per cent.”
179. By omitting the whole of clauses (2) and (3) of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in their stead the following clause :— “(2) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000, other - ad val. By omitting the whole of clause (5) of subparagraph (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following clause :— “(5) Totally enclosed direct current mill type motors - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent. 22½ per cent.	45 per cent. 35 per cent.	55 per cent.” 45 per cent.”
204. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) Aluminiumware n.e.i., including plated aluminiumware— (a) Of the type ordinarily used in the household - - - - - ad val. (b) Other - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent. 12½ per cent.	40 per cent. 40 per cent.	45 per cent. 45 per cent.”
208. By adding a new sub-item (R) as follows :— “(R) Nipples, lubrication - - - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	45 per cent.”
219. By adding a new sub-item (N) as follows :— “(N) Plumbers’ vises— (1) Chain type - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent. Free	32½ per cent. 12½ per cent.	40 per cent. 12½ per cent.”

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## THE SCHEDULE—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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## DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

279. By omitting from sub-item (b) the following :— “and Cream of Tartar substitutes”.			
280. By adding a new sub-item (i) as follows :— “ (i) (1) Diphenylamine - - - - - ad val. (2) Phenothiazine - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent. 25 per cent.	30 per cent. 37½ per cent.	30 per cent. 37½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (j) as follows :— “ (j) (1) Acid sodium pyrophosphate; mono sodium ortho-phosphate; mono calcium orthophosphate; food phosphate aerators n.e.i. - per lb. (2) Disodium phosphate - - - - - ad val. (3) Mono ammonium phosphate; diammonium phosphate; sodium hexametaphosphate; trisodium phosphate; trixylenyl phosphate, tricesyl phosphate and other phosphoric ester plasticizers - - - - - ad val.	3d. 25 per cent.	6d. 37½ per cent.	6d. 37½ per cent.
281. By omitting the whole of sub-item (p).	25 per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.”

## DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

320. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “ (a) Suitable for use only with home cinematographs— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - (2) Other - - - - - per lineal foot	Free Id.	Free Id.	Free 1½d.”
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## DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.

359. By inserting after “ 359 (f) (3) ” in paragraph (4) of sub-item (b) the following :— “and Tariff Item 359 (k) ”. By adding a new sub-item (k) as follows :— “ (k) Parts of axle assemblies of the “ I ” beam type, viz., axle beams, stub axles and steering arms for operating stub axles, for vehicles with self-contained power (except vehicles covered by Item 360), whether imported separately or otherwise— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per lb. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	½d. 50 per cent.	4½d. 62½ per cent.	5½d. 70 per cent.”
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## DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

390. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) Imitation gut— (a) Synthetic monofilament - - - - - ad val. (b) Other - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	50 per cent. 52½ per cent.	52½ per cent. 52½ per cent.”
410. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (1) Drawings and paintings by Australian students or Australian artists resident abroad for a period not exceeding seven years - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”

## CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1954*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-sixth of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fourteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1954* as so amended.

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THE SCHEDULE.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<b>DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.</b>	
Ex. 359. By omitting—	
“ (4) Chassis, including lamps but not including rubber tyres and tubes, storage batteries, shock absorbers (excepting steering dampers), bumper bars, radiator assemblies, sparking plugs, springs and goods covered by Tariff Item 359 (r) (3)—	
(a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and car type capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - - - per lb.	3d.
(b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck omnibus or other commercial vehicle - - - - - per lb.	2½d.
(c) Assembled - - - - - per lb.	4½d.
Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“ (4) Chassis, including lamps but not including rubber tyres and tubes, storage batteries, shock absorbers (excepting steering dampers), bumper bars, radiator assemblies, sparking plugs, springs and goods covered by Tariff Item 359 (r) (3) and Tariff Item 359 (κ)—	
(a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and car type capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - - - per lb.	3d.
(b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck omnibus or other commercial vehicle - - - - - per lb.	2½d.
(c) Assembled - - - - - per lb.	4½d.
Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	
By adding a new sub-item (κ) as follows :—	
“ (κ) Parts of axle assemblies of the “ I ” beam type, viz., axle beams, stub axles and steering arms for operating stub axles, for vehicles with self-contained power (except vehicles covered by Item 360), whether imported separately or otherwise—	
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per lb.	3d.
(2) Other - - - - - ad val.	57½ per cent.”

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports—

- Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Sheets, sections and other shapes ; Aluminium Foil and Foil Paper.
- Direct Current Mill Type Motors.
- Fuel Injection Equipment.
- Household Aluminiumware.
- Lubrication Nipples.
- Motor Vehicle Parts—Front Axle Assemblies.
- Pen Nibs.
- Phenothiazine and Diphenylamine.
- Phosphorus Derivatives.
- Plumbers' Visers.
- Ribbons, Trimmings, Ornaments, &c.
- Vegetables.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Lands Acquisition Act—Return of land disposed of under Section 63.
- Public Service Act—Appointment—Attorney-General's Department—W. R. Sinclair.

9. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That, during the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker may perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Speaker in relation to all proceedings of Standing Committees and Joint Statutory Committees to which the Speaker is appointed.  
Question—put and passed.

10. REPATRIATION BILL 1955.—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 :— “ having regard to the sustained and continuous decline in the value of Australian money, the Bill be redrafted to provide substantially greater benefits for ex-service personnel and their dependants with effect as from the 1st July, 1955 ”—  
Debate resumed.

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Mr. T. P. Burke 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brand	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 35.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Webb
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fuller
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	

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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brand	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 35.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Webb
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fuller
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1—

Mr. Joshua moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

*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 Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brand	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. E. James	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cope	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

**NOES, 6.**

Mr. Andrews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	
Mr. Joshua	Mr. W. M. Bourke
Mr. Keon	Mr. Cremean

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the clause be postponed—being accordingly put—  
The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

**AYES, 5.**

Mr. Andrews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Joshua	Mr. W. M. Bourke
Mr. Keon	Mr. Cremean

**NOES, 63.**

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cope	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Coutts	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Makin	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brand	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Wight
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Joshua moved the following amendment:—Page 2, after paragraph (d) insert the following paragraph:—

“(da) by inserting after sub-section (6.) the following sub-section:—

“(6B.) At the conclusion of its deliberations where an Appeal Tribunal cannot find in favor of the appellant on the medical and other evidence submitted to it, the Appeal Tribunal may if it thinks fit, render to the Commission a certificate recommending sympathetic consideration by the Commission of certain important features of the evidence. Upon receipt of this certificate the Commission may grant a pension to the appellant.”

Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Francis moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

**AYES, 47.**

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Holt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cope	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

**NOES, 5.**

Mr. Andrews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Joshua	Mr. W. M. Bourke
Mr. Keon	Mr. Cremean

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—  
The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

**AYES, 5.**

Mr. Andrews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Joshua	Mr. W. M. Bourke
Mr. Keon	Mr. Cremean

**NOES, 57.**

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cope	Mr. E. James	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Coutts	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brand	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 28, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

13th October, 1955.

*Proposed new clauses—*

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

“ 3A. After section twenty-four of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 24AA. Where a member of the Forces has been granted a discharge on the ground of medical unfitness and that unfitness did not arise—

(a) from intentionally self-inflicted injuries ; or

(b) from, or from any occurrence that happened during the commission of, a serious breach of discipline by the member,

the Commonwealth shall, subject to this Act, be liable to pay to the member or his dependants, or both, as the case may be, pension in accordance with this Division.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

## AYES, 23.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Stewart	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie

## NOES, 40.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bate	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Keon	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 4A. After section forty-seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 47A.—(1.) Where a claimant, applicant or appellant under this Act considers—

(a) that, in hearing, determining or deciding his claim, application or appeal, the Commission, a Board, an Appeal Tribunal or an Assessment Appeal Tribunal did not give to him the benefit of any doubt in respect of a matter or question referred to, in paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-section (1.) of the last preceding section ; or

(b) a person or authority who contended that his claim, application or appeal should not be granted or allowed to the full extent claimed did not discharge the onus of proof placed on that person or authority by sub-section (2.) of that section,

the claimant, applicant or appellant may appeal to the High Court, or to the Supreme Court of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth in which he resides, against the determination or decision of the Commission, Board, Appeal Tribunal or Assessment Appeal Tribunal, as the case may be, on the ground that he was not so given the benefit of a doubt or that the person or authority did not so discharge the onus of proof.

(2.) Jurisdiction is conferred on the High Court, the several Supreme Courts of the States are invested with federal jurisdiction, and jurisdiction is conferred on the several Supreme Courts of the Territories of the Commonwealth, to hear and determine an appeal under this section.

(3.) The jurisdiction conferred on, or invested in, the High Court or a Supreme Court by this section shall be exercised by a single Justice or Judge, as the case may be, of the Court.

(4.) The Court hearing an appeal under this section may make such order with respect to the appeal as it thinks fit and that order shall be final and conclusive.

(5.) An order as to the costs of an appeal under this section shall not be made.

(6.) The regulations may make provision for the furnishing to a Court to which an appeal is made under this section of any records in the possession of the Commission which relate to the appellant.’ ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

## AYES, 23.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Fuller
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

## NOES, 41.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Keon	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley	

And so it was negatived.



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Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

11. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1955.—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. Deputy 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. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Grave disorder arising in the House—

At six minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bryson\*, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers\*, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drakeford, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Joske\*, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Russell, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wheeler.

\*On leave.

A. A. TREGGAR,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*