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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 91.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FLOOD RELIEF FOR INDIA AND PAKISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to make a gift of £20,000 for the relief of the victims of the floods in India and Pakistan.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1954-55, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Twenty-second Report (1955).
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a Vessel (2).
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Pymble, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Army—J. Graham.
Defence Production—A. M. Every.
Postmaster-General—D. T. Nightingale.
Supply—D. J. Bennier, R. L. Birch, R. P. Brown, G. F. Cawsey, J. D. C. Crisp, D. M. Douglas, L. J. Drummond, P. Dunn, P. M. G. Fead, T. Fitzgerald, J. B. Hamann, D. G. L. Hirst, R. Licciardo, P. H. de M. Malan, N. M. Mitchell, S. T. Quaass, D. J. Richardson, J. X. Spain, R. H. Weldon.
Trade and Customs—J. J. Norman-Bail.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1955—
No. 35—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 36—Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia and others.
No. 38—Australian Workers' Union.
Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year 1951-52.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Cramer (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of Commonwealth Offices at Phillip-street, Sydney (1955 Reference).
Ordered to be printed.
5. PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY NOT APPROVED—COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.—
Mr. Deputy Speaker announced that both the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Keon) and the honorable Member for Blaxland (Mr. E. James Harrison) had presented to him written statements of definite matters of urgent public importance proposed to be submitted to the House for discussion to-day. In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 106A, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr. Keon, namely, "The urgent necessity for the Federal Government to take such steps as are necessary for the restoration of the quarterly cost of living adjustments to the basic wage in view of the recently announced heavy increase in the cost of living figures".
Mr. Deputy Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and fewer than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly, the matter was not further proceeded with.
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 next month.
Question—put and passed.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1955.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 75.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of Housing.

Canberra, 13th September, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beale (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Beale and Sir Arthur Fadden do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Beale 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. Beale moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS BILL 1955.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 76.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Canberra, 25th October, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Beale do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

9. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION BILL 1955.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

25th October, 1955.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11. TOBACCO INDUSTRY 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.*)

Clause 1—

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.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—TOBACCO INDUSTRY BILL 1955.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

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 establish a Tobacco Industry Trust Account and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 4th October, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to establish a Tobacco Industry Trust Account and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

13. TOBACCO INDUSTRY BILL 1955.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House again 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. Bowden 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.

14. TOBACCO CHARGES ASSESSMENT 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—

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

15. WAYS AND MEANS—TOBACCO CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) on the 20th October, 1955 (*see page 361*).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution 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.

25th October, 1955.

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

Ordered—That Mr. McMahon and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

16. TOBACCO CHARGE BILL (No. 1) 1955.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Charge on Tobacco Leaf grown in Australia and sold to a Manufacturer* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. McMahon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

17. TOBACCO CHARGE BILL (No. 2) 1955.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Charge on Tobacco Leaf grown in Australia and purchased by certain Manufacturers* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. McMahon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. TOBACCO CHARGE BILL (No. 3) 1955.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Charge on Tobacco Leaf grown in Australia by a Manufacturer and appropriated by him for Manufacturing Purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. McMahon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. ROYAL COMMISSION ON ESPIONAGE—REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), That the Paper [*presented on the 14th September, 1955*], viz. :—

Report of the Royal Commission on Espionage—

be printed—

Suspension of Standing Order.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 92 be suspended to enable Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) to speak until 10 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 37.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Cope	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Keon	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	

And so it was negatived.

Suspension of Standing Order moved.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That Standing Order No. 92 be suspended to enable Mr. Keon to speak for a period not exceeding one hour.

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison 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, 58.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Sir E. Page
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Keon	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Cremean	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cope	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of Standing Order No. 92 be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)---

AYES, 58.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Sir E. Page
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Keon	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cope	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald

Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the motion for the suspension of the Standing Order had not been carried as an absolute majority had not voted in its favour.

Debate continued.

Member ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Evatt having continued to interject after warnings had been given by the Chair, Mr. Deputy Speaker ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House. The honorable Member apologized to the Chair and then withdrew.

Member re-admitted to House.—With the permission of Mr. Deputy Speaker, Mr. Evatt returned to the House.

Debate continued.

Sir Eric Harrison moved, That Mr. Keon be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Sir E. Page
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Keon	Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
NOES, 37.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Cope	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 49.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
NOES, 32.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitzgerald

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-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Bryson*, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Chambers*, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Joske*, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheeler*, and Mr. Wright.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.