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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 92.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH 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. GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that General Elections for the House of Representatives would be held on the 10th December, and that it was proposed that Senate elections would be held on the same day.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement concerning the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Social Services Act—Report by Director-General of Social Services, for year 1954-55.
Ordered to be printed.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for defence purposes—Neutral Bay, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—P. M. Smithurst.
Works—R. O. Shawe.
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Report for 1954.
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, Yurong-street (Palladium) at Sydney, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—The House proceeding to consider Government Business—
Point of Order.—Mr. Keon raised a Point of Order concerning a definite matter of urgent public importance which he had presented to Mr. Deputy Speaker for discussion to-day and asked whether Mr. Deputy Speaker proposed to submit it to the House.
Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he had received proposals from both the honorable Member for Blaxland (Mr. E. James Harrison) and the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Keon). He had determined that neither one was in order as, in each case, the subject matter was substantially in the same terms as a matter placed before the House yesterday which did not receive the necessary support.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (CANADIAN DOLLARS) 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. 78.*
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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Canadian Currency, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 26th October, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Canadian Currency, and for purposes connected therewith.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE 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. 79.

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 Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 26th 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 establish a Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve, and for purposes connected therewith.

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 Sir Eric Harrison 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.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 4, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1955.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1954*, as amended by the *Salaries Adjustment Act 1955*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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, by leave, 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.

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10. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved—

Interpretation.

- 1.—(1.) That, in this Resolution—

“co-operative company” have the same meaning as in Division 9 of Part III. of the Assessment Act;

“life assurance company” have the same meaning as in Division 8 of Part III. of the Assessment Act;

“mutual income”, in relation to a life assurance company (other than a mutual life assurance company), mean—

(a) so much of that part of the taxable income of the company which has been derived from its life assurance business as bears the same proportion to that part of the taxable income as the amount of the profits divided for the same year of income among the life assurance policy holders of the company bears to the total profits divided among those policy holders and the shareholders of the company in respect of the company's life assurance business for the same year of income; or

(b) where no profits in respect of the company's life assurance business are divided for the year of income but, by virtue of the company's memorandum or articles of association, any profits to be divided among the life assurance policy holders of the company are required to be a certain proportion of the total profits to be divided—that proportion of that part of the taxable income of the company which has been derived from its life assurance business;

“mutual life assurance company” have the same meaning as in Division 8 of Part III. of the Assessment Act;

“non-profit company” mean a company which is not carried on for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members and is, by the terms of the memorandum or articles of association, rules or other document constituting the company or governing its activities, prohibited from making any distribution, whether in money, property or otherwise, to its members;

“private company” have the same meaning as in Division 7 of Part III. of the Assessment Act;

“the Assessment Act” mean the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936–1954*, as amended by the *Salaries Adjustment Act 1955* and as proposed to be amended by the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1955*.

- (2.) That a reference in this Resolution to taxable income be read as a reference to taxable income of the year of income.

Incorporation.

2. That the Assessment Act be incorporated and read as one with the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution.

Imposition of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution.

- 3.—(1.) That a tax by the name of income tax and social services contribution be imposed at the rates declared in this Resolution.

(2.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in this Resolution, income tax and social services contribution be not imposed upon a taxable income which does not exceed One hundred and four pounds derived by—

(a) a person who is not a company;

(b) a company in the capacity of a trustee; or

(c) a non-profit company.

Rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Payable by Persons other than Companies.

- 4.—(1.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution payable by a person other than a company be as set out in the First Schedule to this Resolution.

(2.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution in respect of a taxable income to which Division 16 of Part III. of the Assessment Act applies be as set out in the Second Schedule to this Resolution.

(3.) That the rate of income tax and social services contribution in respect of a taxable income in any case where section eighty-six or section one hundred and fifty-eight of the Assessment Act applies be as set out in the Third Schedule to this Resolution.

(4.) That the rate of income tax and social services contribution payable by a trustee be as set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Resolution.

Limitation of Tax and Contribution Payable by Aged Persons.

- 5.—(1.) That this paragraph apply to a taxpayer who—

(a) being a man, has attained the age of sixty-five years, or, being a woman, has attained the age of sixty years, on or before the last day of the year of income; and

(b) is a resident of Australia during the whole of the year of income,

but do not apply to a taxpayer in the capacity of a trustee.

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(2.) That where the net income of a taxpayer to whom this paragraph applies does not exceed Four hundred and thirty-four pounds, the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by him be nine-twentieths of the amount by which his net income exceeds Three hundred and ninety pounds, or, if his net income does not exceed Three hundred and ninety pounds, no income tax and social services contribution be payable by him.

(3.) That where the net income of a taxpayer to whom this paragraph applies does not exceed One thousand and thirty pounds and during the year of income the taxpayer contributes to the maintenance of—

(a) his wife, being a person who is a resident of Australia during the whole of the year of income and has attained the age of sixty years on or before the last day of that year; or

(b) her husband, being a person who is a resident of Australia during the whole of the year of income and has attained the age of sixty-five years on or before that day, the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by the taxpayer be nine-twentieths of the amount by which the sum of the net incomes of the taxpayer and his or her spouse exceeds Seven hundred and eighty pounds, or, if the sum of those net incomes does not exceed Seven hundred and eighty pounds, no income tax and social services contribution be payable by the taxpayer.

(4.) That, for the purposes of this paragraph, the net income of a person be ascertained by deducting from the gross income of that person all expenses (not being expenses of a capital, private or domestic nature) incurred in deriving that gross income.

Minimum Tax and Contribution.

6. That where, but for this paragraph, the amount of income tax and social services contribution which a person would be liable to pay under the preceding provisions of this Resolution, after deducting all rebates to which he is entitled in his assessment, is less than Ten shillings, the income tax and social services contribution payable by that person be Ten shillings.

Rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Payable by a Company.

7.—(1.) That the rates of income tax and social services contribution payable by a company, other than a company in the capacity of a trustee, be as set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Resolution.

(2.) That where the taxable income of a non-profit company does not exceed Two hundred and eight pounds, the maximum amount of income tax and social services contribution payable by the company be one-half of the amount by which the taxable income exceeds One hundred and four pounds.

Elimination of Pence.

8. That where the amount of the income tax and social services contribution which a person would be liable to pay under the preceding provisions of this Resolution, before deducting any rebate or credit to which he is entitled in his assessment, is an amount of pounds, shillings and pence or shillings and pence—

(a) if the pence do not exceed six—the amount be deemed to be reduced by the amount of the pence; and

(b) if the pence exceed six—the amount be deemed to be increased by treating the pence as One shilling.

Tax and Contribution where Amount to be Collected or Refunded would not exceed Two Shillings.

9.—(1.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding provisions of this Resolution, where a person has, in accordance with section two hundred and twenty-one of the Assessment Act, forwarded to the Commissioner a tax stamps sheet or group certificate issued to him in respect of deductions made in a year from his salary or wages, and the difference between the available deductions and the income tax and social services contribution which would, but for this sub-paragraph, be payable by that person in respect of the taxable income derived by him in that year is not more than Two shillings, the income tax and social services contribution payable by that person in respect of that taxable income be an amount equal to the available deductions.

(2.) That the last preceding sub-paragraph do not apply—

(a) in relation to a person who is liable to pay provisional tax and contribution in respect of his income of the year immediately succeeding the year referred to in that sub-paragraph; or

(b) in any case in which the amount of income tax and social services contribution which would, but for this paragraph, be payable is Ten shillings and the available deductions exceed Ten shillings.

(3.) That, in this paragraph, “the available deductions” mean the sum of the amount represented by the face value of the tax stamps duly affixed to a tax stamps sheet referred to in sub-paragraph (1.) of this paragraph and the amount of the deductions specified in a group certificate so referred to.

Levy of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution.

10.—(1.) That the income tax and social services contribution imposed in pursuance of the preceding provisions of this Resolution be levied and paid for the financial year which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

(2.) That, until the commencement of the Act for the levying and payment of income tax and social services contribution for the financial year commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, the Act passed to give effect to the preceding provisions of this Resolution also apply for all financial years subsequent to that which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

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Provisional Tax and Contribution.

11. That provisional tax and contribution be imposed and be payable, in accordance with the provisions of the Assessment Act, in respect of the income of the year of income which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

THE SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

GENERAL RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE BY PERSONS OTHER THAN COMPANIES.
The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income :—

First Column. Parts of Taxable Income.	Second Column. Rates.
The part of the taxable income which—	
does not exceed £100	One penny
exceeds £100 but does not exceed £150	3 pence
exceeds £150 but does not exceed £200	7 pence
exceeds £200 but does not exceed £250	11 pence
exceeds £250 but does not exceed £300	15 pence
exceeds £300 but does not exceed £400	20 pence
exceeds £400 but does not exceed £500	26 pence
exceeds £500 but does not exceed £600	30 pence
exceeds £600 but does not exceed £700	34 pence
exceeds £700 but does not exceed £800	38 pence
exceeds £800 but does not exceed £900	42 pence
exceeds £900 but does not exceed £1,000	46 pence
exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £1,200	52 pence
exceeds £1,200 but does not exceed £1,400	59 pence
exceeds £1,400 but does not exceed £1,600	65 pence
exceeds £1,600 but does not exceed £1,800	71 pence
exceeds £1,800 but does not exceed £2,000	77 pence
exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £2,400	85 pence
exceeds £2,400 but does not exceed £2,800	92 pence
exceeds £2,800 but does not exceed £3,200	99 pence
exceeds £3,200 but does not exceed £3,600	105 pence
exceeds £3,600 but does not exceed £4,000	111 pence
exceeds £4,000 but does not exceed £4,400	117 pence
exceeds £4,400 but does not exceed £5,000	124 pence
exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £6,000	132 pence
exceeds £6,000 but does not exceed £8,000	139 pence
exceeds £8,000 but does not exceed £10,000	145 pence
exceeds £10,000 but does not exceed £16,000	152 pence
exceeds £16,000	160 pence

SECOND SCHEDULE.

RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION BY REFERENCE TO AN AVERAGE INCOME.

In the case of a taxpayer to whose income Division 16 of Part III. of the Assessment Act applies, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Four thousand pounds—
 - (i) the rate ascertained by applying the rates set forth in the First Schedule to a taxable income equal to his average income and dividing the resultant amount by a number equal to the number of whole pounds in that average income ; or
 - (ii) 71.775 pence,
 whichever is the less ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income, the rate ascertained by deducting the amount of One thousand one hundred and ninety-six pounds five shillings from the tax and contribution which would be payable if the rates set forth in the First Schedule were applied to the total taxable income and dividing the resultant amount by a number equal to the number of whole pounds in that remainder.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION BY REFERENCE TO A NOTIONAL INCOME.

For every £1 of the taxable income of a taxpayer deriving a notional income, as specified by section eighty-six or section one hundred and fifty-eight D of the Assessment Act, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is the rate ascertained by dividing the tax and contribution which would be payable under the First Schedule upon a taxable income equal to his notional income by a number equal to the number of whole pounds in that notional income.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE BY A TRUSTEE.

For every £1 of the taxable income in respect of which a trustee is liable, in pursuance of either section ninety-eight or section ninety-nine of the Assessment Act, to be assessed and to pay tax and contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is the rate which would be payable under the First, Second or Third Schedule, as the case requires, if one individual were liable to be assessed and to pay tax and contribution on that taxable income.

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE BY A COMPANY OTHER THAN A COMPANY IN THE CAPACITY OF TRUSTEE.

- 1. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—
 - (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
 - (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.

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2. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a non-resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—
- for every £1 of so much of the taxable income consisting of dividends as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ;
 - for every £1 of so much of the taxable income not consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the taxable income consisting of dividends is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
 - for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which neither of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.
3. In the case of a company which is a private company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—
- for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ;
 - for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings ; and
 - for every £1 of the undistributed amount in respect of which the company is liable under section one hundred and four of the Assessment Act to pay additional tax—Ten shillings.
4. In the case of a company (not being a private company or a life assurance company) which is a co-operative company or a non-profit company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—
- for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ; and
 - for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.
5. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—
- for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ; and
 - for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings.
6. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—
- for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ;
 - for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings ;
 - if the company is a non-resident, for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the mutual income, consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the mutual income is less than Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ;
 - for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the amounts of income to which the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph apply, as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the total of those amounts is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
 - for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.
7. For every £1 of interest in respect of which a company is liable, in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Assessment Act, to pay income tax and social services contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Seven shillings.

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.

11. TRADESMEN'S RIGHTS REGULATION BILL 1955.—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 *Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act 1946-1952*, and for other purposes.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
12. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1955.—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 *Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945-1953*, and for other purposes.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
13. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1955.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Coal Industry Tribunal.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, 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.
14. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1955.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*.
- Question—put and passed.
- Sir Earle Page 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 Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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15. ROYAL COMMISSION ON ESPIONAGE—REPORT—PRINTING OF 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—

Debate resumed.

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

AYES, 46.

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

NOES, 40.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Paper be printed—was put accordingly, and passed.

16. PAPER.—Mr. Deputy Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts for the year 1954–55.
Ordered to be printed.

17. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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.

Mr. McLeod 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46.

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

NOES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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.

26th and 27th October, 1955.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL 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 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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19. STATES GRANTS (MENTAL INSTITUTIONS) 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 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

20. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 50.

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

NOES, 27.

Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.

26th and 27th October, 1955.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION 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. 80.

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 approve Acceptance by Australia of Membership in the International Finance Corporation, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 2nd 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 Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of Membership in the International Finance Corporation, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

22. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23. LOAN (HOUSING) 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.

Mr. Whitlam addressing the House

Closure. - Mr. Gullett 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, 44.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 25.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti		Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fuller			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time— was put accordingly, 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. Beale (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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24. STATES GRANTS 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.

Members ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Osborne and Mr. Whitlam having continued to interject after warnings had been given by the Chair, Mr. Deputy Speaker ordered the honorable Members to withdraw from the House. The honorable Members accordingly withdrew.

Debate continued.

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 Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until half-past ten o'clock a.m. this day.

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

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.