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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1956–57.
Flax Industry Act—Flax Commission—Third Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1956–57.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works—A. Kamols, E. Petersons-Rusmanis, I. R. Wood.
3. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1957.—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. Thompson, viz.:*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be redrafted to provide, as from 1st July, 1957, in the light of the declining purchasing value of money, increases in the rates of social service payments to the maximum extent that the national economy will permit, and, particularly, to ensure as a minimum that each of these payments is restored to the same percentage of the (unpegged) basic wage as it was under the adjustment of rates by the Chifley Government in 1948"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 29.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Page 1, lines 9 and 10, omit "come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent", insert "be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven".

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	

NOES, 33.				
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 46.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	
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Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Thompson moved the following amendment:—Page 1, after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph:—

“(aa) by omitting from sub-section (2A.) the words ‘but does not exceed One thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds’; and”.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Proposed new clauses—

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

“3A. Section thirty-two of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.) after the word ‘pensioner’ (second and third occurring) the words ‘or an age pensioner’.” Wife's allowance.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Luchetti rising to address the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—was put accordingly, and negatived.

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

“3B. Section thirty-three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words ‘Ninety-one pounds’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘One hundred and forty-three pounds’.” Amount of wife's allowance.

8th October, 1957.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Luchetti

NOES, 48.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

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

“ 4A. Section fifty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words ‘ Ten pounds ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ Thirty pounds ’.” Funeral benefit.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Galvin rising to address the Committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

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

AYES, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	

And so it was negatived.

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

“ 8A. After section one hundred and forty-five of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:—
 ‘ 145A. Where a person would, but for this section, be in receipt of a pension, allowance or benefit under this Act at a rate less than the rate of Thirteen pounds per annum, the rate of the pension, allowance or benefit payable to that person is, by force of this section, the rate of Thirteen pounds per annum.’ ” Minimum rate of pension.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

4. REPATRIATION BILL 1957.—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.

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

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to 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. Allan, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Osborne, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Timson, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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