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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47,

WEDNESDAY, 23RD 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—
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Twenty-fourth Report (1957).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Attorney-General's Department—E. H. Ames, D. G. Taylor.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—1957—
No. 10—Tobacco.
No. 11—Canberra University College.
Regulations—1957—No. 10 (Canberra University College Ordinance).
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
17th October, 1957—*Message No. 37*—Social Services 1957.
22nd October, 1957—*Message No. 38*—
Aged Persons Homes 1957.
Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1957.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Lyne (Mr. Lucock), on the ground of public business overseas, and to the honorable Member for Moore (Mr. Leslie), on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE 1957-58.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

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 an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the service of the year ending the 30th June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, to the extent of the sum of one hundred and nineteen million three hundred and sixty three thousand pounds, being the sum specified in relation to those purposes under the heading "Special Appropriations" in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure transmitted to the House of Representatives with Message Number 26 dated third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty seven.

Government House,
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Ordered—That the Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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7. **INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1957.**—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.
 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.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. **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;
 “friendly society dispensary” mean a friendly society dispensary to which Division 9A of Part III. of the Assessment Act applies;
 “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) 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; or
 (b) a friendly society dispensary;
 “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 1936–1957*, as proposed to be amended by the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1957*.
- (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.

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(3.) That the rate of income tax and social services contribution in respect of a taxable income in any case where section fifty-nine AB, section eighty-six or section one hundred and fifty-eight D 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.

(2.) That where the net income of a taxpayer to whom this paragraph applies does not exceed Four hundred and sixty 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 Four hundred and ten pounds, or, if his net income does not exceed Four hundred and ten 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 one hundred and six 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 Eight hundred and nineteen pounds, or, if the sum of those net incomes does not exceed Eight hundred and nineteen 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 that person 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 thirty-one 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 that person 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 H 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

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(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-seven.

(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-eight, 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-seven.

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-seven.

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 fourth 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.

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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 fifty-nine AB, 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 A 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 sixpence; and
 - (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings and sixpence.
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—
 - (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income consisting of dividends as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings and sixpence;
 - (b) 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 sixpence; and
 - (c) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which neither of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings and sixpence.
3. In the case of a company which is a private company, 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—Four shillings and sixpence;
 - (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings and sixpence; and
 - (c) 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 other than a friendly society dispensary, 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—Five shillings and sixpence; and
 - (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings and sixpence.
5. In the case of a non-profit company which is a friendly society dispensary, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Five shillings and sixpence for every £1 of the taxable income.
6. 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—
 - (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings and sixpence; and
 - (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings and sixpence.
7. 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—
 - (a) for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings and sixpence;
 - (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings and sixpence;
 - (c) 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 and sixpence;
 - (d) 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 sixpence; and
 - (e) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings and sixpence.
8. 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 and sixpence.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1957.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914–1956*.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. GIFT DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1957.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gift Duty Assessment Act 1941–1953*.
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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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11. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957–58.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Defence Services—

Vote—" Department of Defence, £960,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Navy, £43,791,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Army, £57,389,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Air, £58,021,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Supply, £15,318,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Defence Production, £12,372,000 "—

Vote—" Other Services, £2,149,000 "—

Debate resumed on the Votes, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz.:—That the amount of the Vote—" Department of Defence, £960,000 "— be reduced by £1.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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, 51.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Vote proposed to be reduced be so reduced—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

NOES, 51.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	

And so it was negated.

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Ordered—That the following Votes be now taken, and considered together :—

Vote—" Northern Territory, £4,625,000 "—

Vote—" Australian Capital Territory, £3,025,000 "—

Vote—" Norfolk Island, £33,000 "—

Vote—" Papua and New Guinea, £11,258,000 "—

Vote—" Cocos (Keeling) Islands, £29,000 "—

Vote—" Part 4—Payments to or for the States—Department of Health, £2,550,000 "—

Votes debated.

Mr. R. W. Holt rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt, moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 48.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 30.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
				Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Votes be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury*, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James*, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Leslie*, Mr. Lucock*, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Turner,* Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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