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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1962.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—Alan Charles Bird, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Postal purposes—Biloela, Queensland.
 - Supply purposes—Innisfail, Queensland.
 - Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Supply—A. G. Towers.
 - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1962—No. 1 (Advisory Council Ordinance).

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the Amendment moved by Mr. Calwell, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the Address:—"but desire to advise Your Excellency that the Government no longer possesses the confidence of the Parliament and the Nation because its latest proposals—

1. neglect to restore continuous full employment and are totally inadequate to assure job opportunities for school leavers;
2. leave Australian manufacturing industry without adequate protection and the business world without a return of confidence;
3. adopt only short-term measures which can be readily reversed or abandoned in a further application of its 'stop-go' policies;
4. provide no basis for long-term planning of investment, production, employment and balance of overseas payments;
5. overlook family social services which would have a continuing social and economic benefit;
6. reject the unanimous and urgent request of the Premiers for an inquiry into the needs of education;
7. fail to reverse its three increases in interest on housing loans;
8. ignore the need to protect wool producers from price manipulation;
9. give no assurance to the dairying, meat, wheat, sugar, fruit, and other primary industries in the event of the United Kingdom being admitted to the European Common Market;
10. fail to restore a fertilizer subsidy to strengthen primary industries;
11. defer the restoration of selective import licensing;
12. ignore the opportunities for developing Northern Australia;
13. employ the wrong methods in reducing taxation;
14. betray the hopes of migrants coming to Australia, and
15. postpone legislation to expose and curb monopolistic and restrictive practices"—

Debate resumed.

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Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.

Mr. Armitage	Mr. Comber	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Gray	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Ward
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Webb
Mr. D. J. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clark	Mr. Einfeld	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie

NOES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Chaney
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that it would be ascertained when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be informed accordingly.

5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent an income tax resolution being moved in the Committee of Ways and Means and motions being moved for the introduction and first and second readings of an Income Tax and Social Services Contribution (Provisional Tax) Bill.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved—

Rebate of tax payable by persons other than companies.

1. That a person liable to pay tax ascertained by reference to section six or seven of the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1961* be entitled in his assessment to a rebate of an amount equal to one-twentieth of the amount of tax that he would otherwise be liable to pay under the provisions of that Act preceding section eight before deducting any other rebate or any credit to which he is entitled.

Elimination of pence.

2.—(1.) That the provisions of this paragraph apply in relation to—

- (a) the amount of the tax that a person would be liable to pay under the provisions of the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1961* preceding section ten of that Act before deducting any rebate or credit to which he is entitled; and
(b) the amount of the rebate of tax under the provision passed to give effect to paragraph 1 of this Resolution.

(2.) That where an amount in relation to which this paragraph applies is an amount of pounds, shillings and pence or shillings and pence—

- (a) if the pence do not exceed six—the amount shall be deemed to be reduced by the amount of the pence; and
(b) if the pence exceed six—the amount shall be deemed to be increased by treating the pence as One shilling.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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8. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION (PROVISIONAL TAX) BILL 1962.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Income Tax.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following Committee:—
6th March, 1962—Message No. 3—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Benn, McKellar and Wedgwood.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1962.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to reduce by Seven hundred and fifty pounds the Minimum Deposit required from Purchasers, and to increase by that sum the Maximum Advance available to Borrowers, under the ‘War Service Homes Act 1918–1961’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th March, 1962.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
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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 seventeen 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. McEwen.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.