

1950.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST MAY, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SPEAKER'S RULING—MOTION OF DISSENT.—Mr. Duthie not having been called to put a Question without notice, for reasons stated by the Chair—

Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to move, That the honorable Member for Wilmot be now heard.

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that such a motion would not be in order as Standing Order No. 60 related to speeches and not to Questions without notice.

*Dissent from Ruling.*—Mr. Evatt, handed in, in writing, the following objection:— That Mr. Speaker's ruling of to-day refusing to call on the honorable Member for Wilmot to ask a question of a Minister be dissented from—and moved accordingly.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eiggins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Spender	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Handby	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McCole	Mr. Timson	

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Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Ministerial Statement being made by the Minister for External Affairs.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
5. INDONESIA—SAFETY OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the death in Indonesia of Mr. J. Doderick and informed the House of the steps being taken to protect Australian citizens in that country.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Ministerial Statements being made by the Prime Minister and the Postmaster-General.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
8. SITUATION IN MALAYA—AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that, in response to a request from the United Kingdom Government, it had been decided to render aid in Malaya by providing aircraft and crews and servicing Royal Air Force aircraft. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Situation in Malaya—Australian Assistance—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Evatt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. TELEPHONE SERVICES IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) made a Ministerial Statement announcing the provision of improved facilities for establishing telephone services in country districts. Mr. Anthony then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Telephone Services in Country Districts—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. "RADIO AUSTRALIA"—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the future services to be provided by the short-wave broadcast "Radio Australia". Mr. Anthony then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
"Radio Australia"—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Labour and National Service—R. S. Horne.
12. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 4—

Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved the following amendment :—  
Omit proposed sub-section (2.), insert the following proposed sub-sections :—

“(2.) In the case of an endowee other than an institution, the rate of an endowment shall be—

(a) where the endowee has the custody, care and control of one child only—Five shillings per week ; and

(b) where the endowee has the custody, care and control of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child, Five shillings per week and, in respect of each other child, Ten shillings per week.

“(2A.) In the case of an endowee being an institution, the rate of the endowment in respect of each child who is an inmate of the institution shall be Ten shillings per week.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Peters	
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Morgan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following further amendment was made :—After proposed sub-section (3.) insert the following proposed sub-section :—

“(3A.) Where, by reason of divorce, separation, death of a parent or otherwise, any children who would otherwise be living together as one family or as part of one family are not so living together, endowment may, in the discretion of the Director-General, in respect of each of those children who is in the custody, care and control of a person who has the custody, care and control of no other children, be paid at the rate which would be payable if those children were living together as one family or as part of one family.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill :—

New clauses—

“6A. Section one hundred and three of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

“(3.) Where, in the case of an endowee (other than an institution) who has been granted endowment in respect of more than one child, the endowment (being at the rate of Five shillings per week) in respect of the elder or eldest of the children in respect of whom endowment is payable ceases, by virtue of this section, to be payable, the rate of the endowment payable in respect of the other child, or the next eldest child, as the case may be, shall thereupon become Five shillings per week.’

“6B. After section one hundred and three of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted :—

“103A. Where an endowee (other than an institution) who is in receipt of endowment in respect of a child at the rate of Five shillings per week assumes the custody, care and control of another child who is older than the first-mentioned child, and is granted endowment in respect of that other child, the rate of the endowment payable in respect of that first-mentioned child shall, as from the date from which the endowment in respect of that other child becomes payable, be Ten shillings per week.

“103B. Where a person has the custody, care and control of more than one child, and one or more of those children, other than the elder or eldest child, is a child in respect of whom endowment may not be granted, the Director-General may, if he thinks fit, authorize the payment of endowment in respect of the elder or eldest child at the rate of Ten shillings per week.’”.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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On the motion of Mr. Holt, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 1950.—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. Daly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. C. G. W. Anderson, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. T. W. White.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*