

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1954.

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. MEMBER SWORN.—Hugh Stevenson Robertson, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Commission on Espionage—Interim Report, dated 21st October, 1954.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order directing Berthing of a Vessel.
Meat Export Control Act—Australian Meat Board—Nineteenth Annual Report, for year 1953-54.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—M. R. Wills.
Supply—R. W. Hynes.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Regulations—1954—No. 13 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).
4. 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 :—
21st October, 1954—*Message*—
No. 14—Meat Export Charge 1954.
No. 15—Appropriation 1954-55.
Appropriation (Works and Services) 1954-55.
5. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1954—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—
The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, after clause 6, insert the following clause :—

“ 6A. Section sixty-three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-
section (2.) the words ‘ is adjudicated bankrupt ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ becomes a bankrupt ’.” Bad debts.

No. 2.—Page 4, after clause 7, insert the following clause :—

“ 7A. Section eighty of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (4.) Losses of
previous years.
and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—
‘ (4.) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, where, prior to the year of income, a taxpayer has become a bankrupt, or, not having become a bankrupt, has been released from any debts by the operation of the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924 or that Act as amended, no loss incurred by him prior to the date on which he became a bankrupt or the date on which he was so released, as the case may be, shall be an allowable deduction.’ ”

No. 3.—Page 6, after clause 9, insert the following clause :—

“ 9A. Section two hundred and twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended by Payment of
tax to have
priority over
all other taxes.
omitting from sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) the words ‘ the date of the order of sequestration ’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘ the date on which he became a bankrupt ’.”

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On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the Amendments were agreed to, after debate.
Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the House adopted the Report.

6. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1954.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1954.—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. E. James Harrison rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) 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, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 44.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Thompson	

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. 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.

Mr. E. James Harrison rising to address the Committee—

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

AYES, 56.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Casey	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

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NOES, 45.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1954.—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. 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann 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.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 7, Government Business.

10. FLAGS BILL 1954.—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. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1954.—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. 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, after debate.

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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1954.—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. Brand), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—

26th October, 1954—*Message*—

No. 25—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1954.

No. 26—Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) 1954 (*without requests*).

No. 27—Distillation 1954.

No. 28—States Grants 1954.

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

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison 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, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Opperman

NOES, 38.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Costa
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin		

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 one minute 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. Anthony, Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Drury, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Minogue.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.