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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT.—Mr. McLeay (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Committee of Privileges :—
Report relating to matters raised by the honorable Member for Yarra and the honorable Member for Fawkner on 25th May, 1955, together with Minutes of Proceedings.
Mr. Keon moved, That the House take the Report into consideration forthwith.
Mr. Keon was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION (PART I)—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hulme brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Twenty-first Report—Aluminium Production Commission—Part I—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—CIVIL DEFENCE COUNCIL BILL.—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice, That, contingent on the second reading of the Civil Defence Council Bill not having been concluded at the expiration of the time for precedence of General Business to-day, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on the second reading of such Bill being proceeded with immediately upon the termination of the time allotted to other General Business by the House to-day and being continued without interruption to the completion of the second reading stage.
Mr. Bostock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

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

NOES, 49.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cope	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Bryson
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

2nd June, 1955.

5. PUBLIC GALLERY ACCOMMODATION.—Mr. Calwell moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the available gallery accommodation for the general public should be reviewed, having regard to the necessity for providing greater facilities for members of the public.

Debate ensued.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

6. COMMONWEALTH EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES.—Mr. McLeay moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House Section 114 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth operates unjustly towards a section of the people, namely, the ratepayers, who are compelled by local government authorities to contribute funds for community services, while the Commonwealth Government is exempt from the payment of any such contribution to local government revenue.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

7. ROYAL COMMISSION ON ESPIONAGE—INTERIM REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), That the Paper [*presented on the 26th October, 1954*], viz. :—

Royal Commission on Espionage—Interim Report, dated 21st October, 1954—

be printed—

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

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperuman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Lucock
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 46.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Paper be printed—was put accordingly, and negatived.

8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—NINETEENTH REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bland, That the Paper [*presented on the 5th May, 1955*], viz. :—

Public Accounts Committee—Nineteenth Report—Treasury Minute and comments of Postmaster-General's Department on Twelfth Report of the 1952-54 Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Postmaster-General's Department—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

9. CIVIL DEFENCE COUNCIL BILL 1955.—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. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 50.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities,

Canberra, 31st May, 1955,

2nd June, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Menzies 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.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture from moving a motion in connexion with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Question—put and passed.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MEAT AGREEMENT (DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS) BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the making of certain Payments in respect of Meat exported to the United Kingdom, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 31st May, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the making of certain Payments in respect of Meat exported to the United Kingdom, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. McEwen moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. McEwen 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.

Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

14. WAYS AND MEANS—MEAT EXPORT (ADDITIONAL CHARGE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

2nd June, 1955.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved—

1. That, in this Resolution, unless the contrary intention appears—

“declared meat” mean meat of a kind or class declared by the Minister, by instrument in writing, on the recommendation of the Board, to be declared meat for the purposes of the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution;

“edible offal” mean any edible portion, other than the flesh, of cattle or sheep;

“excess payment”, in relation to a year, mean the amount by which deficiency payments by the Board under section five of the proposed *Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) Act 1955* in respect of that year, together with expenses (including interest charges) incurred by the Board in connexion with those payments, exceed payments by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of the Commonwealth under the Meat Agreement referred to in that proposed Act, in respect of that year;

“meat” mean beef, veal, mutton, lamb and edible offal, but do not include canned meat;

“the Board” mean the Australian Meat Board constituted under the *Meat Export Control Act 1935-1953*;

“year” mean a period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of September.

2.—(1.) That, for the purpose of making good amounts by which deficiency payments by the Board under section five of the proposed *Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) Act 1955*, together with expenses (including interest charges) incurred by the Board in connexion with those payments, exceed payments by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of the Commonwealth under the Meat Agreement referred to in that proposed Act, a charge, in addition to the charge imposed by the *Meat Export Charge Act 1935-1954*, be, subject to this paragraph, imposed on declared meat exported from the Commonwealth to the United Kingdom.

(2.) That the rate or rates of the additional charge be fixed from time to time by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*, and that different rates of the additional charge may be fixed for different kinds or classes of declared meat.

(3.) That the additional charge be payable only on declared meat exported during such periods as are fixed from time to time by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*.

(4.) That the Minister, as far as he considers it practicable to do so, exercise his powers under this paragraph in such a way that the amount of the excess payment in respect of a year will be made good by the end of the succeeding year.

(5.) That the Board, from time to time, make recommendations to the Minister as to the rates and periods of operation of the additional charge necessary, in the opinion of the Board, to ensure that the amount of the excess payment in respect of a year will be made good by the end of the succeeding year, and that the Minister, in exercising his powers to fix rates and periods of operation of the additional charge, take those recommendations into consideration.

3. That all moneys payable under the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution be paid, on or before the entry of the declared meat for export, to such officers in the respective States, or in the Northern Territory of Australia, as the Minister specifies.

4. That the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

Mr. McEwen moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen and Mr. Kent Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

15. MEAT EXPORT (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) BILL 1955.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose an Additional Charge upon the Export of certain Meat to the United Kingdom*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

16. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by Messrs. R. C. Nance, F. W. Arter and F. Cahill, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 11th day of May, 1955, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name “La Trobe” be substituted for “Bruce” and the name “Bruce” substituted for “La Trobe”—

Debate resumed.

2nd June, 1955.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

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

NOES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Bryson
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. **ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of South Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by Messrs. F. B. Phillips, H. L. Fisk and A. W. Bowden, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 11th day of May, 1955, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

18. **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.**—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of section eleven of the *Australian National University Act 1946–1947*, the House of Representatives elects Mr. Beazley and Mr. D. A. Cameron to be members of the Council of the Australian National University for a period of two years from the 1st July, 1955.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19. **ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior):—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by Messrs. J. M. W. Anderson, W. V. Fyfe and C. G. Friend, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 3rd day of May, 1955, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated on the maps referred to therein, be adopted—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

20. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Review of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade—Geneva, 8th November, 1954, to 7th March, 1955.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

21. **REVIEW OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE—MOTION TO APPROVE.**—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That this House approves the Government's decision to accept the revised General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the proposed Agreement on the Organization for Trade Co-operation subject in either case to prior acceptance by the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States of America.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

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

22. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.**—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

2nd June, 1955—*Message No. 73*—Salaries Adjustment 1955.

2nd June, 1955.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1954’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd June, 1955.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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 1, clause 2, lines 12 to 14, leave out sub-clause (2.).

No. 2.—Page 3, after clause 4, insert the following new clause :—

4A. Section twenty-three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “ (in this Act referred to as ‘ the appointed date ’) ”.

Commencement
and cessation of
contributions.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride, the House adopted the Report.

24. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1955.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948–1952*.

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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

25. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) :—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by Messrs. E. W. Dwyer, F. Miles and E. C. Botten, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 3rd day of May, 1955, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated on the map referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name “ Braddon ” be substituted for “ Darwin ”—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

26. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1955.—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.)

Clause 1—

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.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

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 that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1954*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 1st June, 1955.

2nd June, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1954*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

28. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1955.—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 again 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. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing 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, 45.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Allan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Lucock
Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 36.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McLeod	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	

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 seven minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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