

Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, the 27th Day of August 1958

LAND AND INCOME TAX AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)

ON the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Mr Jack to move the following amendment: That all words after the word "That" be deleted, and the following words be substituted therefor:

"this Bill be referred back to the Government with a direction that all provisions for increasing the rates of income tax be removed from the Bill, upon the following grounds:

- "(1) In his final election broadcast last November the present Prime Minister said, 'We do not propose to change the basis of taxation from that set out in the Income Tax Assessment Act as passed during the last session of Parliament':
 - "(2) In the same broadcast the present Prime Minister said, referring to the PAYE deduction tables, 'These tables will not be changed if the Government is a Labour Government after tomorrow':
 - "(3) These pledges, if they are to be honoured as they were understood by the public, make it impossible for the Labour Government to change the income-tax rates and tables in its first Budget:
 - "(4) The Prime Minister's said speech was broadcast from a recording and was therefore prepared: it cannot be suggested that a verbal error was made:
 - "(5) Such flagrant cynicism regarding election promises undermines the very basis of our democracy."
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