Date Introduced: 29 February 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J. Brown, M.P., Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To extend the 7.5 per cent bounty entitlement of automatic data processing equipment manufactured in Australia, until 6 May 1984 or a later date, pending decision on a report by the Industries Assistance Commission.

Background

Bounty is payable for the manufacture within Australia of automatic data processing (ADP) equipment. The Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Act 1977 prescribed a rate of 20 per cent to apply for three years from 29 March 1977, a rate of 15 per cent to apply for the next two years, and a rate of 7.5 per cent to apply from 29 March 1982 to 28 March 1984. The present Bill would alter the last date to 6 May 1984 or such later date as the Minister fixes.

ADP equipment is defined in the 1977 Act to exclude (CRT) cathode ray tube display terminals and visual display units (VDU) generally. These items are protected by tariff. Items 83 and 84.54.2 of the tariff Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act 1982 prescribe a rate of 24 per cent in respect of cathode ray display terminals.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 amends the Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Act 1977 to specify that bounty at 7.5 per cent is to continue until 6 May 1984. A later date may be fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette prior to 6

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