



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES



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**In Committee**

**SPEECH**

**Thursday, 24 June 1999**

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## SPEECH

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**Senator MURRAY (WA)** (10.44 am)—I will just give you a little bit of historical assistance, through the chair: the VAT was introduced in Great Britain by Ted Heath of the Conservatives in 1973. Harold Wilson of the Labour Party became Prime Minister in 1974, and he did not take the VAT away. He did not reject it. In fact, the whole system grew and Mr Callaghan followed on with it. That is just to let you know that there is a long history of Labour and socialist support for this system.