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DISCUSSION ON RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert
Menzies

Over a considerable period of time, Ministers have heard representations and comments from various representative groups in relation to the proposed Trade Practices Legislation. These have proved of considerable value to us in considering a very complex problem.

We indicated to these groups that we would hear them again before actually introducing a bill. We have done this today. The bill will be introduced tonight but the debate will not be resumed until the Budget Session after the Parliamentary recess. There will, therefore, be ample time for us to consider all the comments we have heard and, of course, such further comments as will emerge when the terms of the bill become public knowledge and those affected have had a full opportunity for closely studying those terms.

CANBERRA,
19th May, 1965.