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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1952.

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. DEFENCE PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the three-year defence programme adopted by the Government, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
 Defence Programme—Ministerial Statement—  
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
 Mr. Chambers moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Elections, 1949—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1949, viz. :—  
 New South Wales.  
 Queensland.  
 South Australia.  
 Tasmania.  
 Victoria.  
 Western Australia.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 3.  
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 8.  
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (5).  
 Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 4.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—  
 Immigration purposes—Helensburgh, New South Wales.  
 Postal purposes—  
 Ballarat, Victoria.  
 Dandenong, Victoria.  
 Mansfield, Victoria.  
 Majorca, Victoria.  
 Portarlington, Victoria.  
 Tharbogang, New South Wales.  
 Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 5.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 6.  
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
 Attorney-General—J. C. Braund.  
 Defence—E. T. Robinson.  
 Supply—J. M. Nobbs.  
 Trade and Customs—S. R. Burns, D. E. Fenwick.  
 Works and Housing—E. A. Ingram.  
 Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 7.  
 Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 2.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
 Question—put and passed.

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5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Calwell proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The failure of the Government to deal effectively with the question of housing”—  
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Casey (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.
6. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 20th February, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to determine the number of the Ministers of State and to make provision for their Salaries and Allowances*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 20th February, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 20th February, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948’, and for other purposes*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Rosevear moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1952.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 20th February, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936–1951’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. SECURITY TREATY (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1952.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), pursuant to leave given on the 20th February, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to approve the Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Casey moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. NATIVE WELFARE—REPORT OF CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), That the Papers [*presented on the 18th October, 1951*], viz. :—  
Native Welfare—Report of Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, Canberra, 3rd and 4th September, 1951, and  
Native Welfare Conference—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.  
Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8, Government Business.

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13. COAL MINING INDUSTRY—INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), That the Paper [*presented on the 21st November, 1951*], viz. :—  
Coal Mining Industry—Industrial Machinery—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. James be granted an extension of time.  
Question—put and negatived.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
15. SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND EAST ASIA—VISIT BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th September, 1951*], viz. :—  
South-East Asia and East Asia—Visit by Minister for External Affairs—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.
16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) from making his speech on the second reading of the Treaty of Peace (Japan) Bill without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
17. TREATY OF PEACE (JAPAN) BILL 1952.—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.  
Ordered—That Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Graham moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bostock, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Wight.

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