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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 57.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1952.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945-1950*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Anthony then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Anthony 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.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
4. 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.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Davis			Mr. Timson	

NOES, 46.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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The House continuing to sit until after midnight—
THURSDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
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Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
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Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Casey moved, by leave, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be postponed for six months in order that a referendum of the Australian people might be taken to determine the acceptability or otherwise of the measure".

Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—Mr. Adermann raised a Point of Order that the amendment was out of order as, under Standing Order No. 237, the only amendment which may be moved to the question is by omitting "now" and adding "this day six months".

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker upheld the Point of Order.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Calwell having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
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Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Ryan	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. McColm moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

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Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Ward continuing to address the House—

Closure.—Mr Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate, having considered Message No. 24 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolution in connexion therewith, viz. :—

That the Senate concurs in the resolutions transmitted to the Senate by the House of Representatives for the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs, subject to the following modifications :—

- (a) that after resolution No. 2 the following resolution be inserted :

“ That the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions.”

- (b) that the following provision for quorums be substituted for resolution No. 4 (d) :

“(d) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;

(ii) three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.”

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the Senate's modifications of the resolutions transmitted to the Senate by the House.

EDWARD MATTNER,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 27th February, 1952.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.