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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Ward presented a petition from some thousands of the citizens of Australia praying that the House express its opposition, on behalf of the majority of the Australian people, to the proposal to rearm Japan, and instruct the Government to oppose this rearmament by every possible means.  
Petition received and read.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. A. D. Fraser proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Government's failure to meet the imperative need to increase rates of age, invalid and widows' pensions, child endowment, unemployment and sickness benefits, and other social service payments, to meet present living costs"—  
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. A. D. Fraser moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. A. D. Fraser be granted an extension of time.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Several Members rising 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.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean			Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 38.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—  
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4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—  
 Beaufort, South Australia.  
 Nuriootpa, South Australia.  
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
 Commerce and Agriculture—B. F. Hussey.  
 Health—S. S. Alexander, M. A. Bundock, J. R. Cornish, C. M. Gilbo, G. A. McLean,  
 L. Sefton, J. M. Thompson, S. D. Watsford.  
 Postmaster-General—D. G. Geddes, N. S. Middleton.  
 Repatriation—A. A. Page.  
 Works and Housing—T. G. Leonard.  
 Wool Products Bounty Act—Second Annual Report for 1951.
5. SECURITY TREATY (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) 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.  
 Mr. W. M. Bourke 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 a later hour this day.
6. SUGAR INDUSTRY—PRICE INCREASE—COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR  
 PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding  
 the claims of the sugar industry for an early increase in the retail price of sugar and informed the  
 House of the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry to examine the economics of the industry.  
 Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the  
 following Paper:—  
 Sugar Industry—Price Increase—Committee of Inquiry—Ministerial Statement—  
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
 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. SECURITY TREATY (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) 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 and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
 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, and agreed to, after debate.  
 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, and, by leave,  
 the Bill was read a third time.
8. 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 seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past  
 two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland,  
 Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. E. James Harrison,  
 Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Swartz.

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