THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH 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. Adjournment-Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—Mr. Speaker announced that both the honorable Member for Mackellar (Mr. Wentworth) and the honorable Member for Lalor (Mr. Pollard) had submitted to him written statements of definite matters of urgent public importance proposed to be discussed to-day on a motion "That the House do now adjourn". In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 48, he had given priority to the motion submitted by Mr. Wentworth,

the matter being:—
"Certain subversive and seditious statements which are being put forward by an official journal of the Australian Labour Party, and which are calculated to lower the morale of Australian troops now fighting in Korea, to give aid and comfort to the enemies of the United Nations, and to impair the defences of Australia".

Mr. Speaker then called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members rose accordingly. Proposed Motion of Dissent .-- Mr. Pollard objecting to the decision of Mr. Speaker giving priority to

Mr. Wentworth's motion, and proposing to move a motion of dissent-

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that, as he had not given a Ruling, but had exercised his

authority under Standing Order No. 48, a motion of dissent would not be in order.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

		AYES, 62.	•	
Mr. Adermann Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Berry Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. Casey Mr. Corser	Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drummond Mr. Drury Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Falkinder Mr. Francis Mr. Graham	Mr. Hamilton Mr. Eric J. Harrison Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Holt Mr. Howse Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Lawrence Mr. Luck Mr. McBride Mr. McColm Mr. McDonald Mr. McEwen Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Menzies Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne Sir E. Page	Mr. Roberton Mr. Ryan Mr. Timson Mr. Townley Mr. Treloar Mr. Turnbull Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Mr. Wight Tellers: Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
	•	Noes, 41.	•	
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Beazley Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean Mr. Cremean Mr. Curtin Mr. Davies Mr. Drakeford	Mr. A. D. Fraser Mr. Fuller Mr. Galvin Mr. Haylen Mr. James	Mr. McLeod Mr. Minogue Mr. Morgan Mr. O'Connor Mr. Peters	Mr. Thompson Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell Mr. Clarey Mr. Costa	Mr. Edmonds Mr. Evatt Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua Mr. Keon Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan Mr. Rosevear Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put-The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)-

		AYES, 42.		
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshu a	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
		Noes, 62.		
Mr. Adermanu	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Roberton
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	9
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Tellers:
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

By leave, the proceedings were interrupted.

3. MIDDLE EAST—R.A.A.F. FIGHTER WING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that, after discussion with the United Kingdom Government, the Government had agreed to contribute a part of the peace-time air force garrison in the Middle East and had decided to send a jet fighter wing to that area. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:-

Middle East—R.A.A.F. Fighter Wing—Ministerial Statement—and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

4. Adjournment-Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—The proceedings previously interrupted were resumed.

Mr. Wentworth moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House-

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

		Ayes, 54.		
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Erie J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	-
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	
		Noes, 41.		
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question-That the House do now adjourn-was put accordingly, and negatived.

5. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-

Tariff Board-Reports-

Ancillary Equipment for Textile Industry.

Fish Oils.

Timber.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Defence—G. de V. Gipps, R. V. Scammell. Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Fourth Annual Report for year 1950-51.

6. FISHERIES 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. Pearl Fisheries 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-

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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. LIFE INSURANCE 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 10, Government Business.

Mr. Calwell proposing to move, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11, Government Business".

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment would not be order as a private member could not move to vary the order of Government Business. Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

		Ayes, 57.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. D. A. Cameron Mr. Corser Mr. Cramer Mr. Davis	Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drummond Mr. Drury Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Falkinder Mr. Francis Mr. Graham Mr. Grayden	Mr. Hamilton Mr. Eric J. Harrison Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Howse Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Mr. Kekwick Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Lawrence Mr. Luck Mr. McBride Mr. McColm Mr. McDonald Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne Sir E. Page Mr. Roberton	Mr. Ryan Mr. Timson Mr. Townley Mr. Treloar Mr. Turnbull Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Mr. Wight Tellers: Mr. Davilson Mr. Gullett
Mr. Anderson Mr. Beazley Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke Mr. Bruce Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin Mr. Davies Mr. Drakeford Mr. Puthie Mr. Fitzgerald Mr. A. D. Fraser	Noes, 26. Mr. Galvin Mr. Haylen Mr. James Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshua Mr. Keon	Mr. Luchetti Mr. McLeod Mr. Morgan Mr. Peters Mr. Thompson	Mr. Ward Tellers: Mr. Daly Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. Gold Policy—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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), That the Paper [presented on the 9th October, 1951], viz.:—

Gold Policy-Ministerial Statement-

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

11. RECENT EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 16TH OCTOBER, 1951—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [presented on the 16th October, 1951], viz.:—

Recent Events in the Middle East-Ministerial Statement, 16th October, 1951-

be printed-

Debate resumed.

Question-put and negatived.

12. NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINEES—RATES OF PAY—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. McBride (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [presented on the 23rd October, 1951], viz.:—

National Service Trainees—Rates of pay—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Question—put and negatived.

13. 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.

Question—put and negatived.

14. Messages from the Senate.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

 $[For eign\ Affairs-Joint\ Committee]--$

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 78.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:—

That Senators Gorton, Maher, McCallum and Wordsworth be members of the Joint Committee appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.

EDWARD MATTNER,

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th March, 1952.

President.

[Ministers of State Bill 1952]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to determine the number of the Ministers of State and to make provision for their Salaries and Allowances", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th March, 1952.

President.

[Parliamentary Allowances Bill 1952]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to the Allowances of Members of each House of the Parliament", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,

The Senate, Canberra, 5th March, 1952. President.

[Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Bill 1952]—

Mr. Speaker.

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948', and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment,

The Senate,

EDWARD MATTNER, President.

Canberra, 5th March, 1952.

[Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1952]—

Mr. Speaker.

Message No. 82.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1951'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER.

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 5th March, 1952.

15. Defence Programme-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. McBride (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [presented on the 21st February, 1952], viz. :-

Defence Programme-Ministerial Statement-

be printed-

Question—put and negatived.

16. Adjournment Moved.-Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haylen addressing the House-

Closure moved.—Mr. Pearce moved, That the question be now put.

Mr. Adermann Mr. Berry

Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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Tellers:
Mr. D. A. Cameron
Mr. Gullett

Mr. Hulme Mr. McMahon Mr. Pearce

	Mr. Davis	 Pearce		Gullett	
	Mr. Graham				
		Noes, 73.			
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Fairhall		Mr. Joske	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Russell
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis		Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bate	Mr. Cremean	Mr. A. D. Fras	er	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Galvin		Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Grayden		Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bird	Mr. Davies	Mr. Hasluck		Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haylen		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Holt		Mr. McLeod	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes		Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Jack Mr. James		Sir E. Page	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Johnson		Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Casey Mr. Clarey	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joshua		Mr. Roberton	Mr. Fuller
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And so it was negatived.

Mr. Haylen continuing to address the House-

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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, OI.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. Casey Mr. Corser	Mr. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drury Sir A. Fadden Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairball Mr. Francis Mr. Graham	Mr. Hamilton Mr. Erie J. Harrison Mr. Hasluck Mr. Hasluck Mr. Holt Mr. Holt Mr. Holt Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske	Mr. Kekwick Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Luck Mr. McBride Mr. McDonald Mr. McEwen Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Mr. Osborne Sir E. Page	Mr. Pearce Mr. Roberton Mr. Ryan Mr. Townley Mr. Treloar Mr. Wentworth Tellers: Mr. Davidson Mr. Gullett
		Noes, 33.		
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Beazley Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke Mr. Bruce Mr. Bryson	Mr. Calwell Mr. Clarey Mr. Costa Mr. Cremean Mr. Curtin Mr. Davies Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Duthie Mr. A. D. Fraser Mr. Galvin Mr. Haylen Mr. James Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshua	Mr. Keon Mr. Luchetti Mr. McLeod Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard Mr. Rosevear Mr. Russell	Mr. Thompson Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins Tellors: Mr. Daly Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put— The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)-

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Mr. McDonald Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. A. D. Fraser Mr. Rosevear

		Noes, 79.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Beazley Mr. Berry Mr. Bird Mr. Bostock Mr. W. M. Bourke Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown	Mr. Calwell Mr. D. A. Cameron Mr. Casey Mr. Clarey Mr. Corser Mr. Costa Mr. Cramer Mr. Cremean Mr. Curtin Mr. Davies Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drakeford	Noes, 79. Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Francis Mr. Fuller Mr. Galvin Mr. Graham Mr. Grayden Mr. Hamilton Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Haylen Mr. Holt Mr. Holt	Mr. Jack Mr. James Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshua Mr. Joske Mr. Kekwick Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Keon Mr. Luchetti Mr. Luck Mr. McBride Mr. McEwen Mr. McLeay Mr. McLeod	Sir E. Page Mr. Pearce Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard Mr. Roberton Mr. Russell Mr. Ryan Mr. Thompson Mr. Townley Mr. Treloar Mr. Watkins Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Tellers:
Mr. Bruce Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman	Mr. Daly Mr. Davids on

And so it was negatived.

17. Papers.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Reparations—Assembly of the Inter-Allied Reparation Agency—Report to Member Governments.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute-

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Second Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority for year 1950-51.

18. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House-

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison 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)—

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Mr. Adermann Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Berry Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drury Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Francis Mr. Graham Mr. Grayden Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Eric J. Harrison Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Holt Mr. Howse Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Luck Mr. McBride Mr. McDonald Mr. McEwen Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Sir E. Page Mr. Pearce Mr. Roberton Mr. Ryan	Mr. Townley Mr. Treloar Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Mr. Wight Tellers: Mr. Davidson Mr. Gullett
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Beazley Mr. Bird Mr. By Mr. Bourke Mr. Bryson	Mr. Clarey Mr. Costa Mr. Cremean Mr. Curtin Mr. Davies Mr. Drakeford	Noes, 31. Mr. Galvin Mr. Haylen Mr. James Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshua Mr. Keon	Mr. McLeod Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard Mr. Rosevear Mr. Russell Mr. Thompson	Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins Tellers: Mr. Daly Mr. Fuller
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	•	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put— The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Mr. Adermann Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Berry Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Corser Mr. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Mr. Downer Mr. Drury Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Francis	AYES, 53. Mr. Grayden Mr. Hamilton Mr. Eric J. Harrison Mr. Haeluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Howse Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme Mr. Jack Mr. Joske	Mr. Kekwick Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Lawrence Mr. Luck Mr. McBride Mr. McDonald Mr. McEwen Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Sir E. Page	Mr. Pearce Mr. Roberton Mr. Ryan Mr. Townley Mr. Treloar Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wheeler Mr. Wight Tellers: Mr. Davidson Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Graham	Noes, 32.		
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Beazley Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke Mr. Bryson Mr. Calwell	Mr. Clarey Mr. Costa Mr. Cremean Mr. Curtin Mr. Davies Mr. Drakeford Mr. Duthie	Mr. A. D. Fraser Mr. Galvin Mr. Haylen Mr. James Mr. Johnson Mr. Joshua Mr. Keon	Mr. Luchetti Mr. McLeod Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard Mr. Rosevear Mr. Russell Mr. Thompson	Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins Tellers: Mr. Daly Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

19. Leave of Absence to All Members.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting. Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. James addressing the House-

Closure.—Mr. Gullett 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, 47.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Anthony Mr. Bate Mr. Beale Mr. Berry Mr. Bostock Mr. Bowden Mr. Brimblecombe Mr. Brown Mr. D. A. Cameron Mr. Casey	Mr. Davis Mr. Dean Sir A. Fadden Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairhall Mr. Francis Mr. Graham Mr. Grayden Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Eric J. Harrison Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Holt Mr. Howse Mr. Hulme Mr. Joske Mr. Kekwick Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Luck	Mr. McBride Mr. McDonald Mr. McEwen Mr. McLeay Mr. McMahon Mr. Opperman Sir E. Page Mr. Pearce Mr. Roberton Mr. Ryan Mr. Townley	Mr. Treloar Mr. Wentworth Mr. Wight Tellers: Mr. Davidson Mr. Gullett
		Noes, 28.		
Mr. Anderson Mr. Andrews Mr. Beazley Mr. Bird Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Bryson Mr. Calwell Mr. Clarey Mr. Crean Mr. Curtin	Mr. Drakeford Mr. Duthie Mr. A. D. Fraser Mr. Galvin Mr. Haylen	Mr. Joshua Mr. Keon Mr. Luchetti Mr. McLeod Mr. Pollard	Mr. Thompson Mr. Ward Tellers: Mr. Daly
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

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. Clark, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Wilson.

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