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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 90.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 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. FLINDERS ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Tuesday, the 16th September next, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Flinders, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Mr. Rupert Sumner Ryan, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Issue of Writ	Tuesday, 16th September, 1952.
Date of Nomination	Tuesday, 30th September, 1952.
Date of Polling	Saturday, 18th October, 1952.
Date of Return of Writ	On or before Wednesday, 12th November, 1952.
3. APPOINTMENT OF FIELD-MARSHAL SIR WILLIAM SLIM, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that he had received advice that Her Majesty The Queen had been pleased to approve of the appointment of Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Mr. Menzies also informed the House that the present Governor-General would continue in office until Sir William Slim is sworn in; it was anticipated that Sir William Slim would leave for Australia early in the New Year.
4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT TO MINISTER.—Mr. Wentworth brought up a Statement from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs informing the Parliament, in accordance with the Resolutions of appointment, that the Committee had forwarded to the Minister for External Affairs a report relating to the so-called Peking Peace Conference.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 71.
 - Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 63.
 - Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, Nos. 60, 68, 69.
 - Defence Preparations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 66.
 - Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 64.
 - Hospital Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 72.
 - Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 70.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1952—
 - No. 20—Electricity Supply.
 - No. 21—Workmen's Compensation.
 - No. 22—Pearling.
 - No. 23—Darwin Administration (No. 2).
 - No. 24—Dingo Destruction.
 - No. 25—Regulations Publication.
 - No. 26—Police and Police Offences.
 - No. 27—Public Health.
 - Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 67.
 - Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 61.
 - Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of National Development—A. W. Lindner.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 65.
 - Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1952, No. 62.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), for Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1952-53.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Immigration, £1,340,000"—

Vote—"Department of Labour and National Service, £1,795,000"—

Vote—"Department of National Development, £1,180,000"—

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Vote—" Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £3,381,000 "—
considered together.

Votes further debated and agreed to.

Defence Services—

Vote—" Department of Defence, £730,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Navy, £47,290,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Army, £75,370,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Air, £55,830,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Supply, £12,730,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Defence Production, £8,050,000 "—
considered together.

Votes debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Rosevear.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.