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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 97.

TUESDAY, 16TH 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 BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Flinders Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 3rd September last.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Copy of memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General in connexion with the constitutional power of the Commonwealth Parliament with respect to Parliamentary Allowances, Parliamentary Pensions and Parliamentary Under-Secretaries—submitted to Mr. Speaker for the information of the House by the Queensland Division of the Australian Democratic Union.
4. BASIC WAGE AND STANDARD HOURS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the position of the Government in relation to the functions of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in connexion with the basic wage and standard working hours.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement concerning the matter.
5. MENINGITIS CASES—INGLEBURN-HOLSWORTHY ARMY AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis which had occurred in military training camps in the Ingleburn-Holsworthy areas.
Mr. Ward and Mr. D. A. Cameron, by leave, also made Statements in connexion with the matter.
Mr. Chambers asked leave to make a Statement with reference to the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Mr. T. P. Burke moved, That Mr. Chambers be now heard.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 35.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	

NOES, 50.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McCalm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1951-52, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Department of the Interior purposes—Port Hedland, Western Australia.

Postal purposes—

Burrandana, New South Wales.

Yarrabandai, New South Wales.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Defence Production—A. A. Anderson,
R. B. Rogers.

7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.—Mr. Ward having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The circumstances associated with the termination of Colonel J. K. Murray's appointment as Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and its effect upon the future welfare of the Territory and its people"—

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. Ward addressed the House.

Mr. Pollard moved, That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 38.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti		

NOES, 51.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved. That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 49.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLay	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
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Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES BILL 1952.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to confer certain Immunities on Representatives in Australia of certain parts of the Queen's dominions and on certain other persons.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Casey 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. 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.

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9. LANDS ACQUISITION 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. Gullett 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TARIFF BOARD BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Tariff Board Act 1921–1950 ’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 16th September, 1952.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

12. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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. Daly 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.

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

Mr. Morgan rising 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, 50.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
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Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 37.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

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 nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Timson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

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