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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that it had now been arranged that Senator Spicer (Attorney-General) would act as Minister for Trade and Customs during the absence of Senator O'Sullivan.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Foreign Affairs—Joint Committee—Second Report to Minister for External Affairs—The Committee's Activities and Functions.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Defence purposes—Bullsbrook, Western Australia.  
Postal purposes—  
Barmera, South Australia.  
Mylor, South Australia.  
Public Accounts Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 91.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—F. Bussman, B. R. Gum.  
Public Works Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 90.  
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report for year 1952-53.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—  
Eighth Report—Parliamentary Procedure in the House of Representatives on the Supply and Appropriation Bills.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. FLAGS BILL 1953.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 19th November, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to declare a certain Flag to be the Australian National Flag and to make other provision with respect to Flags*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Menzies 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.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 2.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

Canberra, 18th November, 1953.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies and Sir Arthur Fadden do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, 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.

7. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2].—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. A. D. Fraser, viz. :—*That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to place greater emphasis through co-operation with the States and Local Authorities on the promotion of positive health—

(a) in the establishment and maintenance of diagnostic and health centres ;

(b) in dental care of children under sixteen years of age ;

(c) in the provision of medical training and research facilities and a system of regional hospitals ; and to provide—

(1) for substantially increased rates of hospital benefit having regard to the rise of hospital costs ;

(2) for the negotiation of fresh agreements between the Commonwealth and the States to ensure that throughout Australia there should be no charge and no means test for qualified patients occupying beds in public wards of public hospitals ;

(3) that payment of Commonwealth Hospital Benefits or Medical Benefits shall not be conditional upon a patient being a contributor to a Hospitals Fund or a Medical Benefits Fund ;

(4) that registered organizations shall be subsidized to ensure that their benefits will be extended to chronic sufferers and those suffering disabilities at the commencement of their membership of registered organizations ;

(5) to devise in consultation with the medical profession and State Governments machinery to stabilize medical charges and to determine just variations of those charges ;

(6) that Medical Benefits be extended to mileage charges of medical practitioners incurred by patients especially those in outback areas ;

(7) that the provision of medical and hospital benefits should be financed from revenue raised on a graduated scale based upon capacity to pay ;

(8) for the cure and relief of mental illness ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. J. R. Fraser 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, 44.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Timson	

NOES, 36.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crenean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser		Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

**AYES, 47.**

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham		Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett

**NOES 36.**

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser		Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.)*

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Edmonds 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)—

**AYES, 47.**

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham		Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett

**NOES, 30.**

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	

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 five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bostock, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Davies, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Keon, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Peters, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Townley, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*