

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 9TH MAY, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEFENCE EQUIPMENT MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that, accompanied by defence advisers, he would shortly visit the United States of America with a view to initiating discussions on the equipment problems of the Australian armed services with the primary object of reaching finality on the types of aircraft to be acquired for the Royal Australian Air Force.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—J. A. Holloway.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—ABORIGINAL WELFARE.—Mr. Bryant having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to care for the well-being of persons of aboriginal and part aboriginal blood by not providing State Governments with sufficient funds and not extending the payment of social service benefits to or on behalf of these persons"—  
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. Bryant addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wight
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS.—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., General Business was not called on.
6. DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF 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 4th April, 1957], viz.:—  
Defence—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.
7. ECONOMIC SURVEY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement outlining the principal features of the 1957 Economic Survey, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
1957 and Beyond: An Economic Survey—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1957.—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. Haylen, viz.:*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“because the compulsory training scheme is to all intents being abandoned by the reduction of annual intake of 33,000 to 12,000 youths, all of whom are to be drafted to the Army alone, and because youths are to be selected by a system of ballots, the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for the abolition of compulsory military training”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
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Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wight
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Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
NOES, 32.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven 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. Anthony, Mr. Brand\*, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser\*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. James, Mr. McColm\*, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Watkins\* and Mr. Webb.

\*On leave.

A. G. TURNER,  
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.