

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11,

THURSDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1958.

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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—River Murray Commission—Report on the River Murray Flood Problem, with particular reference to the 1956 Flood.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works—J. C. Copley, P. Duffield, M. T. Ebdon, J. E. Hazzard, K. M. Lethlean, A. H. Lumley, J. E. Mills, H. C. Murphy, B. D. Robertson, M. Satins, R. J. M. Webb.
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1956–57.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 15th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—
(1) That Mr. Downer be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and that his place be filled by Mr. Chaney.
(2) That Mr. Graham be a member of the Committee in the place of Mr. Chaney.
(3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Wentworth addressing the House—
Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 35.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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5. **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—ROADS.**—Mr. Bird 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 establish an overall body to co-ordinate national roads planning throughout Australia"—

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. Bird addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Whitlam rising to address the House—

Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 59.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 34.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS.**—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., General Business was not called on.
7. **DEFENCE ORGANIZATION—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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), That the Paper [*presented on the 19th March, 1958*], viz. :—
Defence Organization—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.**—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in February last, recommends that the following be printed:—

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Fifth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1956–57.

Economic Survey—1957 and Beyond.

Northern Territory—Report for year 1955–56.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1956–57.

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R. L. DEAN,
Chairman.

Mr. Dean moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

27th March, 1958—*Message*—

No. 6—Diplomatic Immunities 1958.

No. 7—Stevedoring Industry Charge 1958 (*without requests*).

No. 8—Stevedoring Industry Charge Assessment 1958.

No. 9—Life Insurance 1958.

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10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1958—
 No. 1 (Prisons Ordinance).
 No. 2 (Licensing Ordinance).
 Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Tenth Annual Report,
 for year 1956–57.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Casey moved, That the question be now put.
 Question—That the question be now put—put.
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Turner
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Dean	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Casey	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 27.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	Mr. Stewart

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 past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 15th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Killen, Mr. McLvor, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Timson and Mr. Watkins.

A. A. TREGEAR,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.