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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

FRIDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1952.

1. The House met, at half past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Mulcahy presented a petition from certain unemployed citizens of the State of New South Wales praying that steps be taken to provide them with employment and, pending such provision, to authorize adequate sustenance for their families and themselves.  
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Report for year 1950-51.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—  
Orders—Inventions and designs (3).  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Westwood, Tasmania.  
Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1951-52.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1952—No. 1—Judiciary (Appeals).  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—I. D. Byrne.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance—1952—No. 9—Advisory Council.
4. REPATRIATION BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, as a whole, debated.

On the motion of Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was amended by omitting clause 23 and inserting the following clause in place thereof:—

“23. Pensions at the rates payable under the Principal Act, as amended by this <sup>Application of amendments.</sup> Act, are payable from and including the second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.”

Debate continued.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Francis, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. LOAN (HOUSING) 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 by Mr. Calwell who moved, as an Amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted”.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Bate was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 83.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Social Services Consolidation Act 1952*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 25th September, 1952.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to five 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeod, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Timson and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*