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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 126.

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

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. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Wentworth asked leave to make a Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Ward asked leave to make a Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the Katyn massacre.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY—SEVENTH SESSION—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
United Nations—General Assembly—Seventh Session (First Part), New York, October to December, 1952—Summary Report of Australian Delegation—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Elections 1951—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1951, viz. :—  
New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Broadcasting Act—Twentieth Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for year 1951-52.  
Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 9.  
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 8.  
Cotton Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 5.  
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 10.  
Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 7.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Defence purposes—  
Dutson, Victoria.  
East Sale, Victoria.  
Postal purposes—Bentleigh East, Victoria.

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Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—D. I. Anderson, P. D. Barnes, J. Brown, M. H. R. Buckley, P. C. Burder, A. R. Gillett, G. Morris, P. M. Murton, D. G. Rodoni.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 6.

7. IMPORT RESTRICTIONS—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to examine all aspects of the operation and administration of import restrictions and the effects of such restrictions upon Australian industry.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 103, Mr. Ward was given leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. SOIL EROSION SURVEY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Swartz :—That this House is of the opinion that the Commonwealth Government should institute an immediate Commonwealth-wide survey of soil erosion, with a view to co-ordinating and assisting the work of Soil Conservation Authorities in the States, and that the full co-operation of the State Governments be invited in the carrying out of this survey—

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.

9. PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARIES—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. Calwell, That the Paper [*presented on the 27th May, 1952*], viz. :—

Parliamentary Under-Secretaries—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Question—put and negatived.

10. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1953.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1945–1951, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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, 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.

11. BANKING BILL 1953.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Banking Act* 1945.

Question—put and passed.

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, 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.

12. IMMIGRATION PROGRAMME—REVISION—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. Beale (Minister for Supply), That the Paper [*presented on the 7th August, 1952*], viz. :—

Immigration Programme—Revision—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Clarey be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration) be granted an extension of time.

Mr. Thompson 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mullens arising to address the House—

*Closure*—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

<b>AYES, 53.</b>				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
<b>NOES, 36.</b>				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Crean	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Costa
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly

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 twenty-five minutes past 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. Beazley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Treloar.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*