

1956.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CONDUCT OF PRISONERS OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of instructions which were being issued to the United Kingdom Forces concerning the conduct of prisoners-of-war after capture and stated that the principles will apply in the Australian Forces. Sir Philip McBride then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Conduct of Prisoners of War—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—J. E. Stewart.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Grayndler (Mr. Daly), owing to his absence from Australia.  
Question—put and passed.
5. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1956.—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.  
Mr. Haylen rising to address the House—  
Closure.—Sir Eric 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, 65.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 66.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1956.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 1.*

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 amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*.

Canberra, 15th February, 1956.

Ordered—That the 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.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

7. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1956.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr. A. D. Fraser rising to address the Committee—

*Closure.*—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 55.

Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Stokes	

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**NOES, 37.**

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Webb

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

**AYES, 55.**

Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Stokes	

**NOES, 38.**

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Webb

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the question.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Sir Eric 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, 53.**

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the word 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, 55.**

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<b>Tellers:</b>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes	

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## NOES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

## AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brand	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

## NOES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following Committees:—

16th February, 1956—*Message*—

No. 1—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Benn, Seward and Wedgwood.

No. 2—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senators Henty, Maher and O'Byrne.

9. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Joske), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN KOREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of a reduction of Commonwealth Forces in Korea, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Commonwealth Forces in Korea—Ministerial Statement—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past ten 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. Bruce, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Howson and Mr. Menzies.

\* On leave.

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