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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1958.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH BANK SPECIAL ACCOUNTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the principles governing the control of funds in the Special Accounts of the Commonwealth Bank, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Commonwealth Bank Special Accounts—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), 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—  
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Twenty-fifth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1956–57.

4. 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—*And on the Amendment moved by Mr. Evatt, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the Address:—" But we desire to inform Your Excellency that Your advisers have failed to realize the urgent necessity of putting into effect positive policies and measures aimed at—

- (a) the prevention of unemployment and the securing of full employment;
- (b) the building of sufficient homes;
- (c) an immediate and substantial reduction in the migrant intake until the serious deficiencies present in the existing programme are removed;
- (d) the provision by the Commonwealth to State Governments and local governing authorities of funds necessary for the building of public works and housing, roads, schools, hospitals and services essential to public health; and
- (e) effective defence administration and organization."

Debate resumed.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION REVIEW—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 1.*

The Senate, having considered Message No. 1 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith:—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 1 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine Problems of Constitutional Change.
- (2) That Senators Kennelly, McKenna, O'Sullivan and Wright be members of the Joint Committee.
- (3) That Senator O'Sullivan be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.
- (4) That the Resolution, so far as it is inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 2.*

The Senate, having considered Message No. 2 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith:—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 2 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- (2) That Senators Cole, Gorton, Maher, Pearson, Robertson, Vincent and Wordsworth be members of such Joint Committee.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.The Senate,  
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7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Sir Philip McBride (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved—

- (1) That Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Joske, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Timson and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- (2) That, until such time as the five remaining vacancies for Members of the House of Representatives on this Committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Failes, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight be members of the Committee.
- (3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.

Question—put and passed.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 3.*

The Senate, having considered Message No. 3 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith:—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 3 of the House of Representatives with reference to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine and report on certain matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory.
- (2) That the provisions of that Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.The Senate,  
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9. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and Members as members of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:—

Senators McCallum, Vincent and Wood had been appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senators Poke and Ryan by the Leader of the Opposition in that House. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Howse had been appointed by the Prime Minister, and Mr. Coutts and Mr. J. R. Fraser by the Leader of the Opposition in this House.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Haylen rising to address 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, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 28.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed,

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And then the House, at nineteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Casey, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Galvin, Mr. James, Mr. Timson and Mr. Watkins.

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