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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. ALLEGED KOREAN ATROCITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that there was no evidence that any Australian servicemen were victims of atrocities in Korea, as reported.
4. ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the second meeting of the Anzus Council, held at Washington on the 9th and 10th September, 1953.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.—Mr. J. R. Fraser having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for a plan for War Service Land Settlement in the Australian Capital Territory"—
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. J. R. Fraser addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—
Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 37.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS' RESIDENCES BILL 1953.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Air), pursuant to leave given on the 26th November, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the application of the share of the proceeds of Prize captured during the State of War that commenced on the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, that is available for the benefit of members of the Royal Australian Air Force,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Pollard 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.
7. WOOL STORES BILL 1953.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to certain Wool Stores.
 Question—put and passed.
 Sir Earle Page 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.
 Sir Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Pollard 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.
8. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1953.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Calwell 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. THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1953.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 7, clause 14, before sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause :—

“(1A.) A person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, a provision of this Act is guilty of an offence against this Act.”

On the motion of Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Earle Page, the House adopted the Report.

10. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey :—
- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
 - (2) That twelve Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
 - (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
 - (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions ;
 - (b) the Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members ; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine ;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee shall have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ;
 - (d) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the Committee otherwise directs ;
 - (e) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being shall constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee shall constitute a quorum of that sub-committee ;
 - (f) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported. Provided the Opposition is represented on the Committee, copies of the Committee's reports to the Minister for External Affairs shall be forwarded to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information ;
 - (g) subject to the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers or records ; and, subject to paragraph 4 (d), all evidence submitted to the Committee shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee ;

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(h) a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that seven members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

11. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1953.—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.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker having ruled that certain remarks of Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) were not relevant to the Bill—

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Evatt, having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. 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, 46.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 27.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard		

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negated.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing 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)—

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer		Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Turnbull	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Clark	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly
Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen			

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 fifteen minutes past four 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. T. P. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Ewert, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Mackinnon, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Peters and Mr. Wentworth.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.