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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 48.

THURSDAY, 5TH MAY, 1955.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (4).
  - International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1953-54.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—North Bondi, New South Wales.
  - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
    - Defence Production—J. Comery, R. Hopkins, R. Roberts, G. A. Still, L. Wraczynski.
    - National Development—B. G. Cook, A. M. Copeland, W. C. Gerula.
    - Repatriation—W. S. Adeney, R. H. D. Bean, W. R. C. Bennett, W. A. McKay, W. C. F. R. O'Hair, N. B. Pinkus, S. J. Wright.
  - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1955—
    - No. 13—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.
    - No. 14—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen and Operative Painters and Decorators' Union of Australia.
  - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Australian Capital Territory Soil Conservation Council—Seventh Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments, for year 1953-54.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—NINETEENTH REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
  - Treasury Minute and comments of Postmaster-General's Department on Twelfth Report of the 1952-54 Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Postmaster-General's Department—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—CHILD ENDOWMENT.—Mr. Thompson having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The inadequate amount being paid for each child under the Child Endowment Act and the necessity for urgent consideration by the Government of increasing the amount to meet adequately the increased cost of providing for children by their parents or guardians"—
  - 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. Thompson addressed the House.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - Mr. Bryson addressing the House—
  - Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
  - Question—put.

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

AYES, 55.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 49.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Bryson
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. CIVIL DEFENCE COUNCIL BILL 1955.—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Establish a Council of Civil Defence.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Wentworth 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. Wentworth moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL 1955.—Mr. Joske moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Matrimonial Causes Act 1945*.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the discussion was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.  
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of motions be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.  
Mr. Joske continued his speech.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Joske 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

7. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 156, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.

8. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—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. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 20th April, 1955*], viz. :—

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Ministerial Statement, 20th April, 1955—  
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Haylen, viz. :—*That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ this House rejects the Government’s proposals to despatch Australian armed forces to Malaya as set out in the paper read by the Prime Minister ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Osborne having been called upon to speak—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved, That the honorable Member for the Australian Capital Territory be now heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 41.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	

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NOES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Keon	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. J. R. Fraser 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, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Andrews
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words 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. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Keon	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Keon raised a Point of Order that the motion for the Closure applied to the amendment only.

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that, in accordance with Standing Order No. 94, the motion for the Closure having been carried, the main question had to be put.

And the question—That the Paper be printed—was put accordingly and negatived.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

5th May, 1955—*Message No. 57*—Nationality and Citizenship 1955.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1955.—  
Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement for the variation of the Agreement entered into between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to Housing, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 5th May, 1955.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Joshua 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, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Casey	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

## NOES, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Ward	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb	

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 five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. McLeay and Mr. Peters.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.