



## PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST 1982

### CONDOLENCE MOTION FOR SIR PHILIP MCBRIDE

I move, "that this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 14 July of the Right Honourable Sir Philip McBride, PC, KCMG, a Member of this House for the Division of Grey from 1931 to 1937, a Senator for South Australia from 1937 to 1944 and a Member of this House for the Division of Wakefield from 1946 to 1958, a Minister of the Crown for 11 years; places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service; and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement".

All Members were saddened to learn of the death on 14 July of Sir Philip McBride. Sir Philip was born on 18 June 1892 and was educated at Burra Public School and later at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide. He was first elected to this House for the Division of Grey at the general election of 1931. Sir Philip was re-elected to this House in 1934 and, subsequently, in October 1937 was chosen by the South Australian Parliament to fill a casual vacancy in the Senate. He was re-elected to a full term in the Senate commencing in 1938 but was defeated at the general election of 1943. In 1946, Sir Philip was re-elected to this House as the Member for Wakefield and retained his seat at the general elections of 1949, 1951, 1954 and 1955.

Sir Philip began his ministerial career in the first Menzies Ministry as Assistant Minister for Commerce from April 1939 to October 1941. He was later Minister for Supply and Development and Minister for Munitions from 1940 to 1941. He was also a member of the war cabinet during this time. Sir Philip was, in fact, the last surviving member of that first Menzies Ministry which led Australia through the early days of the Second World War. Following the return of the Menzies Government in 1949, Sir Philip resumed his ministerial career as Minister for the interior from 1949 to 1950.

In 1950 he was appointed Minister for Defence and retained that post until his retirement from Parliament in 1958. Sir Philip was also actively involved in politics outside of Parliament. He was a member of the United Australian Party when he was first elected to this Parliament and played an important role at the time of the establishment of the Liberal Party.

And after his retirement from this House he maintained his involvement with politics and was Federal President of the Liberal Party from 1960 to 1965.

Sir Philip also made a valuable contribution as a pastoralist and served as a president of the Stockowners' Association of South Australia. He was created a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George in 1953 and a Privy Councillor in 1959. On behalf of the Government and the people of Australia, I express sympathy to his widow and two surviving sons.

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