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## PRIME MINISTER

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### CONDOLENCE MOTION : L. C. HAYLEN

Mr. Speaker, I move: "That this House expresses its regret at the death on 12 September 1977 of Leslie Clement Haylen, a Member of this House for the Division of Parkes from 1943 until 1963, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious service and tenders its deep sympathy to his family in their bereavement."

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Leslie Haylen was a Member of this House from 1943 to 1963. He represented the Sydney suburban electorate of Parkes for twenty years in a most memorable manner. During the first world war, he served overseas with the Australian Infantry Forces until he was discharged in 1919.

From the time he was elected to the Parliament in 1943 he served on numerous Parliamentary Committees ranging from Social Security to the broadcasting of Parliamentary procedures. He also represented Australia overseas as a member of the Australian delegation to the 27th Session of the International Labour Organisation in Paris in 1946, as Chairman of the Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Committee which visited Europe in 1945, and as Leader of the Parliamentary Delegation to Japan in 1948.

Les Haylen was an author as well as a Member of this House. He had published numerous works ranging from plays and short stories to novels and historical works.

His term in Parliament first on the Government benches and later on the Opposition front benches was characterised by his sincerity and vigour, and he will be remembered by his former colleagues for his conscientious and devoted service to the ideals and interests of his party and of his country.

I am sure I speak for all of us when I say to his widow and his two sons that we offer them our sympathy in their loss.