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The Assembly met in the Assembly Hall, Public Gardens at Nine of the Clock, Mr. Speaker (The Hon'ble Shri Kasinath Rao Vaidya) in the Chair.

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Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding with the matter of election, I just want to bring one fact to the notice of the Hon'ble Members, that Shri Syed Hassan has given an Adjournment Motion to me, but unfortunately, it is a letter narrating certain facts and the Motion in specific form, has not been given notice of. It must be a Motion, in proper form and not facts merely. I do not want to reject this merely on this ground. I would like him to consult the office and then put it in the regular form.

As regards elections, I have received two withdrawals pertaining to the Committee on Public Accounts; one is from Shri Manickchand Kavalchand Pahade and the other from Shri K. R. Veeraswamy, and for Committee on Estimates, there is one withdrawal, i.e., by Shri Rangarao Deshmukh. So these deletions have been effected in the ballot papers and now there will be elections.

Shri V. D. Deshpande (Ippaguda): One withdrawal for the Committee on Public Accounts by Shri Venkatram Rao has been handed over just now.

Mr. Speaker: So, the names of the candidates proposed for the Committee on Public Accounts are:

2. Shri M.V. Gautam.
4. Shri P. Hanumanth Rao.
5. Shri Mallappa.
8. Shri Shamrao Jadhav.
9. Shri Ramareddy.

Out of the above nine Members, six are to be elected.

As regards the Committee on Estimates, after withdrawals there are 10 names remaining:—

1. Shri Annaji Rao.
2. Shri Laxman Konda.
3. Shri Laxminivas Ganeriwal.
7. Shri Rajaram.
8. Shri Raja Reddy.
9. Shri Vithal Rao Deshpande.
10. Shri K. R. Veeraswamy.

Out of the above ten, seven are to be elected.

According to the Rules, of course, these elections will be on the basis of proportional representation by single transferable vote. So naturally, it will take time. There is no special procedure laid down for this election, but I think that the House agrees that the Secretary with his staff should do this work. If the candidates so desire, they may remain there while polling is going on. At the same time, I think, as usual, we will have to nominate two Members as scrutinisers. Now, what I suggest is this:

Polling will be held simultaneously for both the elections at the office of the Secretary, Legislative Assembly. Ballot paper containing detailed instructions as to the manner of recording of votes will be distributed to each elector. The elector, on receiving a ballot paper, shall proceed for the purpose of recording his vote into a place screened from observation provided therefor and shall record his vote in accordance with the instructions set out in the ballot paper. He shall then, before quitting such place, fold up his ballot paper so as to conceal his vote, and shall proceed to the ballot box provided and put the
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ballot paper so folded up into the ballot box. Each elector shall vote without undue delay and shall quit the place fixed for the poll as soon as he puts his ballot paper into the ballot box.

The elector is expected to vote by placing the figure 1 in the space opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes. He will place figure 1 opposite the name of one candidate only (although there are more members than one to be elected). As regards the other candidates, he may indicate his preference by putting in the spaces opposite their names the figure of the order in which he would classify, i.e., 2, 3, 4, etc. The elector should not place more than one figure opposite the name of any candidate.

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Shri Raja Ram (Armoor): Just now, you have declared, Sir, that the casting of votes will take place simultaneously. I think, that will result in confusion. Therefore, I would request you, sir, that two separate rooms and two separate Returning Officers or Presiding Officers may be appointed. That would not confuse the Hon'ble Members.
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Shri Annaji Rao (Parbhani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no objection for having simultaneous voting. But, it may so happen that ballot papers intended for Public Accounts Committee may go into the box of the Estimates Committee and the ballot papers intended for the Estimates Committee may go into the box of the Public Accounts Committee. That is just possible even though I know all the Hon’ble Members will vote correctly. Even when there was only one election some invalid ballot papers were found.

Shri Annaji Rao (Parbhani): No, Sir, I am not criticising any one, but it is just possible. I suggest that there should be two rooms and two separate boxes.

Shri Annaji Rao : We have no objection even if the Assistant Secretary is there.

Shri V.D. Deshpande (Ippaguda): I would suggest Mr. Speaker, Sir, that the arrangement which was made at the time of elections, for Assembly and Parliament viz., a voter going inside, taking the ballot paper and dropping in the Assembly ballot box; then, going ahead, taking the second ballot paper and dropping it in the box for the Parliament, be followed. Simultaneously, both ballot papers should not be given. An elector should be given the ballot paper for the Estimates Committee first and afterwards that of the Public Accounts Committee. We do not want our papers to be wasted; we are prepared to give more time, if necessary. This procedure may be followed conveniently. Otherwise, it may be decided that if the ballot papers are dropped in this or that box, they will not become invalid.
The Hon'ble Shri B. Ramakrishna Rao (Chief Minister): I think, Sir, out of the two methods suggested by Hon’ble Shri Deshpande, the method which was followed at the time of the general elections seems to be most proper. For example if, the election to the Public Accounts Committee is conducted first, that ballot paper may be given and the voter will go and put that in the box and after he comes back, he may be given the second ballot paper for the other Committee. I think that ensures correctness of voting and that is a very good suggestion.

So, it is agreed. What about the sealing of boxes? This procedure will be followed all the time. The Secretary will put the seal on the boxes. The candidates as well as the Scrutinisers may also put their seals, if they so like. I do not want that there should be any difficulty or any objection later on. Otherwise, we will have to follow the same procedure over again. I do not want that to happen. We will again meet day-after tomorrow, 4th April, and in the morning, the results will be announced. Probably, I think, the candidates as well as the scrutinisers will have to be present to-morrow because I do not expect that this work will be over by this evening. Even if they sit till 5 p.m., I do not think that they will be able to do the work. Of course, we cannot help it. We will take up the Motion for Address of thanks on the 4th April. I have received some amendments, the copies of which will be circulated to all the Hon’ble Members beforehand.

Shri V. D. Deshpande (Ippaguda): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no work today, I think the time for voting may be extended because these two processes will be going on and probably we may require more time, and so............
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The Hon'ble Shri B. Ramakrishna Rao (Chief Minister):
When there are two separate rooms and two Presiding Officers
and three hours are given, I do not think, it is necessary to waste
time by giving more time for election.

Mr. Speaker: I have already said that it will be from 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m.

The Assembly then adjourned till Nine of the Clock on Friday
the 4th April, 1952.