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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER MISREPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Corser raised a matter of Privilege based on a statement in the Sydney newspaper *The Sun* of the 2nd October, 1951, regarding Members' purchases in the Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms. Mr. Corser having produced a copy of the paper containing the statement and having given the name of the printer and publisher, moved, That the Committee of Privileges give early consideration to the comments by the Chief of *The Sun* Canberra Bureau appearing in *The Sun* newspaper of the 2nd October, 1951, printed and published in Sydney, and report on—
  - (1) the truth, or otherwise, of the impressions conveyed by the article ;
  - (2) the privileges extended by the House Committee to the writer of the article, and to all others who work within the precincts of Parliament House ;
  - (3) the wisdom or otherwise of continuing the extension of privileges to others than Members of the Parliament.

Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 92.
  - Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 94.
  - Coal Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 104.
  - Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 88.
  - Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 100.
  - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 99, 106.
  - Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 97, 102.
  - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 96.
  - Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 105.
  - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 103.
  - Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 101.
  - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 93.
  - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 98.
  - Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 89.
  - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 90.
  - Public Service (Arbitration) Act—Determinations—1951—
    - No. 77—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
    - No. 78—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
    - No. 79—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
    - No. 80—Musicians' Union of Australia.
    - No. 81—Australian Workers' Union.
    - No. 82—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
    - No. 83—Customs Officers' Association of Australia.
    - No. 84—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
  - Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, Nos. 91, 95.
  - Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 108.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Pollard proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to honor its election promises to the dairying industry"—
 

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. Pollard moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.

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5. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1951.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 2nd October, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Superannuation Act 1922–1950 ’, and for other purposes* ”, 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.
6. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1951.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given on the 2nd October, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1950 ’, and for other purposes* ”, 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.
7. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES’ COMPENSATION BILL 1951.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 2nd October, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Employees’ Compensation Act 1930–1950 ’, and for other purposes* ”, 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
9. REPATRIATION BILL 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, 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.
10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) from making his speech in Committee of Supply on the Budget without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed.
11. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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*(In the Committee.)*

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£16,400
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz.:—That the first item be reduced by £1.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bostock, Mr. Davies, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Timson.

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