

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 No. 68.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Repatriation—K. Job.
 Social Services—H. B. Raymond.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1955—
 No. 29—Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 30—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion, General Business, given by the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro concerning Messrs. Browne and Fitzpatrick being proceeded with forthwith.
 Question—put and passed.
5. COMMITMENT OF OFFENDERS—MOTION FOR RELEASE.—Mr. A. D. Fraser moved, pursuant to notice, That Messrs. Frank Browne and Raymond Fitzpatrick be released forthwith from their commitment into custody.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to move, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House, having considered the procedures adopted in the cases of Messrs. Frank Browne and Raymond Fitzpatrick, is of opinion that a special committee of the House representing all parties should be appointed immediately to examine and report on the procedures which should be adopted to ensure that established principles of justice shall be applied in every case where punitive action is proposed or contemplated"—
Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment would not be in order as it was not relevant to the motion.
Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Evatt having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Haylen addressing 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.

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The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Lucock

NOES, 52.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremeen	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Bryson
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45.

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

NOES, 62.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cremeen	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Francis	Mr. Keon	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Lucock

And so it was negatived.

Debate on motion continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 3.

Mr. Joshua
Tellers:
Mr. A. D. Fraser
Mr. Keon

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Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson
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Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Francis	Mr. Keon	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Lucock

And so it was negatived.

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6. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*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 £27,700

be agreed to, *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:*—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric 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 thirteen minutes to 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. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Riordan.

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.