

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 34.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. McIvor presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Report to Minister by Auditor-General for year 1956-57.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Twelfth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1956-57.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—
Sidmouth, Tasmania.
Theodore, Queensland.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—N. A. Tudehope.
Repatriation—U. Gault, A. J. Walsh.
Territories—H. M. Sidgwick.
Works—G. N. S. Earp.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
12th September, 1957—Message—
No. 30—Australian Wool Testing Authority 1957.
No. 31—Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment 1957.
National Service (No. 2) 1957.
Wine Grapes Charges 1957.
National Capital Development Commission 1957.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) speaking without limitation of time, and Mr. Ward speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes, on the Budget.
Question—put and passed.
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 £30,000

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Timson, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.