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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NATIONAL SECURITY (COAL CONTROL) REGULATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the intention of the Government to amend the National Security (Coal Control) Regulations.
3. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION. Mr. James, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, standing in his name.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—
Albany, Western Australia.
Broken Hill, New South Wales.
Port Pirie, South Australia (2).
Wolseley, South Australia.
5. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1941.—Mr. Lawson (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1940*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Lawson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. 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—
The Senate—namely—

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| Salaries and allowances | .. | .. | .. | £8,470 |
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be agreed to.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

General debate concluded.

First item agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Blain, Mr. Hutchinson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Spender, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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

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