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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 114.

TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEVALUATION OF STERLING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the decision of the United Kingdom Government to devalue the pound sterling in terms of the United States dollar, and informed the House of the decision of the Australian Government to maintain the existing rate of exchange with the pound sterling and to devalue the pound Australian as against the dollar.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
  - Commerce and Agriculture—G. W. Edwards, K. H. Ray.
  - Interior—D. W. Johns.
  - Postmaster-General—T. R. Allen, B. S. Backstrom, S. F. Brownless, R. W. Carmichael, K. R. Collyer, E. R. Craig, J. W. Foley, G. S. Goodman, R. W. Grimes, A. Hannah, S. Helm, M. H. Jones, E. O'Hoy, E. V. Partington, J. Pyddoke, P. H. Richards, R. H. Shepherd, G. H. Sims, G. W. F. Trask.
  - Works and Housing—R. G. W. Smith.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
    - Civil Aviation purposes—North Campbellfield, Victoria.
    - Defence purposes—Regent's Park, New South Wales.
    - Postal purposes—Victoria Park East, Western Australia.
  - Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1948-49.
  - War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Bankstown, New South Wales.
4. TEMPLE SOCIETY TRUST FUND BILL 1949.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to leave given on the 15th September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to establish a Trust Fund of certain Moneys received by the Government of the Commonwealth from the Government of the United Kingdom, being Moneys representing Proceeds of the Realization of Assets of the Temple Society, of Members of that Society and of certain other persons, and to provide for the Administration and Application of the Fund*", 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.
5. 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 . . . . . £12,400

be agreed to.

Mr. McEwen moved, That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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