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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 118.

TUESDAY, 27TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. White presented a Petition from 2,762 war widows from various parts of Australia, praying that sympathetic consideration be given to the financial position of widows and children of Australian servicemen.
Petition received and read.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT SITTING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—
Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the decision of the Government to grant 3,000 scholarships annually to assist students to undertake university, technical college and certain other approved professional courses. Mr. Dedman then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Menzies (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.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Broadcasting Act—Order—Political Broadcasts (Federal Elections).
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—A. T. Munro, I. D. Robinson.
Repatriation—T. M. Gilbert, E. J. Haberfeld.
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	£12,400
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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. Abbott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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