

1950.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH MAY, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1948–49.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—First Report of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board, for period ended 30th June, 1949.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Devonport, Tasmania.
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Third Annual Report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) for year 1948–49, together with financial accounts.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Chambers proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for an increase, because of the rapid increase in the cost of living, of all pensions paid by the Commonwealth"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Chambers moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Chambers be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.
Closure.—Mr. Fadden moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Acting Speaker, Mr. McDonald, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Eiggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 41.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Acting Speaker, Mr. McDonald, in the Chair)—

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NOES, 58.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drumry	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
		Mr. Kekwick	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. E. James Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Clarey be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Daly was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Anthony moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. Menzies	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 24.				
Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Fraser	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one 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. Dean, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. James*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Mulcahy*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pittard, Mr. Spender, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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