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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ILLNESS OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING—RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY—ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth the following communication concerning the Resolution of sympathy in connexion with the illness of His Majesty The King, passed by the House on the 26th September, and transmitted to His Majesty :—

Government House,
Canberra, 4th October, 1951.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I refer again to your letter of the 27th September, containing the terms of the Resolution conveying sympathy to His Majesty The King and Members of The Royal Family, and desire to inform you that I have received a telegram from The King's Private Secretary, stating that the Resolution will be laid before The King at the first opportunity.

In the meanwhile, at the request of His Majesty's Private Secretary, I am to ask you to assure the Members of the House of Representatives that the kind message is greatly appreciated by The Queen and other Members of The Royal Family.

Yours sincerely,
J. NORTHCOTT.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Interim Report to 31st December, 1950.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Social Services—E. M. Forsyth.
4. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That the Committee of Privileges have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question—put and passed.
5. SOIL EROSION SURVEY.—Mr. Swartz moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of the opinion that the Commonwealth Government should institute an immediate Commonwealth-wide survey of soil erosion, with a view to co-ordinating and assisting the work of Soil Conservation Authorities in the States, and that the full co-operation of the State Governments be invited in the carrying out of this survey.
Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chambers 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.
7. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chambers 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.
8. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chambers 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.

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9. 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 £16,400

he agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

Mr. Daly moved, That Mr. James 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bostock, Mr. Davies, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell and Mr. Timson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.