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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1951.

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. REFERENCES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS—OPPROBRIOUS REFLECTIONS.—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Standing Orders did not contain directions concerning attacks on other governments. Mr. Speaker then referred to the rule declaring that opprobrious reflections may not be cast on governments of dominions or countries in amity with His Majesty, cited in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 15th ed., page 438, and stated that the House was bound by that usage but that references to other governments were not prohibited.
3. WITHDRAWAL OF OFFENSIVE WORDS—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker referred to the rule relating to the withdrawal of offensive words contained in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 15th ed., page 440, and stated that when words are ordered to be withdrawn, the withdrawal must be unqualified.
4. ROYAL VISIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that, as The King's proposed tour would follow so soon after his severe operation, His Majesty would be unable to visit Australia and New Zealand next year. At the request of His Majesty, Their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh would carry out that part of the tour.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the Royal Visit.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
 - Commonwealth Committee on Taxation—Reports—
 - Concessional allowances for dependants.
 - Exemption of country entertainments from Entertainments Tax.
 - Income Tax—
 - Concessional allowances for educational expenses.
 - Concessional allowances for life insurance premiums, superannuation fund contributions, &c.
 - Concessional allowances for medical, dental, optical and funeral expenses.
 - Concessional allowances in respect of gifts to certain funds and institutions in Australia.
 - Concessions to industry.
 - Scholarships and similar payments for educational purposes.
 - Taxation of superannuation allowances and pensions, and income of aged persons.
 - Income Tax rates schedule and Statements Nos. 1 and 2.
 - Taxation of excess profits—Reports dated—
 - 12th December, 1950 ;
 - 23rd February, 1951 ;
 - 23rd May, 1951 ;
 - 7th June, 1951.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1950-51, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Egg Export Control Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, for year 1950-51, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of Civil Aviation, Defence and Department of the Interior purposes—Western Junction, Tasmania.
 - Meat Export Control Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1950-51, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1951—No. 1 (Advisory Council Ordinance).
 - Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—A. R. Parkin.

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6. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1951.—Mr. Anthony (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Egg Export Control Act 1947-1948*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Anthony 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £16,400

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

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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to 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. T. P. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Failes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.