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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MAY, 1952.

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.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1950-51, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Meat Agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom, dated 11th October, 1951.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report dated 21st May, 1952.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Peters proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to maintain adequate financial provision for hospitals and the consequent re-imposition of the means test and of fees in public wards"—
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. Peters moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Peters be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.
5. ATOMIC ENERGY (CONTROL OF MATERIALS) BILL 1952.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Atomic Energy (Control of Materials) Act 1946*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Beale 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.
Mr. Beale moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1952-53.—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.
Mr. Pearce 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

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The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 22ND MAY, 1952.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Treloar, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.