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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 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. TAXATION POLICY IN NORTHERN TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the Government's policy in regard to taxation in the Northern Territory.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

## Commonwealth Committee on Taxation—Reports—

Assessability of amounts received in relation to employment and to retirement from employment.

Assessment or exemption of incomes derived from primary production.

Contributions to pension funds.

Deductions in respect of retiring allowances and pensions paid to employees, former employees and their dependants.

Exemption of income of certain bodies and funds.

Leases—Reports dated—

16th January, 1952.

22nd July, 1952.

Self-Assessment.

Simplification of Income Tax return forms.

Taxation of income of companies—private and non-private and of shareholders; together with supplement—private companies.

Taxation of income of Friendly Society Dispensaries.

Trading Stock (provisions other than those relating to live-stock); together with supplementary report.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &amp;c., acquired for Defence purposes—Bulimba, Queensland.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—

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No. 1—Customs Tariff Surcharge.

No. 2—Customs (Rubber Export) Tariff.

No. 3—Papua and New Guinea Commerce Board.

No. 4—Workers' Compensation.

No. 5—Deserted Wives and Children.

No. 6—Fencing.

No. 7—Pawnbrokers.

No. 8—Stock Brands.

No. 9—Restaurants (Licensing).

No. 10—Petroleum Storage.

No. 11—Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—W. England, D. McDonald.

Postmaster-General—B. M. Byrne, P. L. Elliston, W. C. Gee, P. T. Jones, J. M. Lock, C. V. Morris.

Social Services—J. S. Short.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College—Report for 1951.

12th August, 1952.

4. NATIVE WELFARE IN NORTHERN TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), That the Paper [*presented on the 6th August, 1952*], viz. :—  
Native Welfare in Northern Territory—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and negatived.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
6. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Papers [*presented on the 4th June, 1952*], viz. :—  
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 4th June, 1952; and  
United Nations—General Assembly—Sixth Session, Paris, November, 1951—February, 1952—  
Summary Report of Australian Delegation—  
be printed—  
Question—put and negatived.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) from making his speech in Committee of Supply on the Budget without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed.
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	..	..	..	£13,500
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be agreed to.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.  
Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Townley and Mr. Treloar.

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