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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 168.

FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AMALGAMATED ENGINEERING UNION—CONDUCT OF BALLOT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to an application by the Amalgamated Engineering Union to the Industrial Registrar for a secret ballot and the arrangements made with the Electoral Officer for the conduct of the ballot.
Mr. Holt then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Amalgamated Engineering Union—Conduct of Ballot—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Clarey 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.
3. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS—ARBITRATION COURT'S DECISION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the current position of industrial awards of the Commonwealth, the States, and the Commonwealth Public Service arising from the Arbitration Court's decision suspending the automatic cost of living adjustments.
Mr. Holt then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Cost of Living Adjustments—Arbitration Court's Decision—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Clarey 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for railway purposes—Port Augusta, South Australia.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Air—R. W. Murphy.
War Service Homes Act—Supplemental Agreement, made 17th September, 1953, between the Director of War Service Homes and the State of Western Australia.
5. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT BILL 1953.—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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1953.—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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.
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.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to four o'clock p.m., 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. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Berry, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bruce, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McColm, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Whitlam.

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