

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 67.

TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1955.

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. INCIDENT IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that on Thursday last in Parliament House, a visitor had extracted a sum of money from another person. Mr. Speaker said he had taken certain action and that an opportunity to refund the money had been given to the visitor, but that he had refused to do so. The matter was placed before the House for its consideration.
3. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the mass poliomyelitis vaccination programme in the United States of America, the Government's decision to abandon its original intention to import Salk-type vaccine from that country, and plans for production and distribution of vaccine in Australia.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1954.
 Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (6).
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of Works purposes—Amberley, Queensland.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Postmaster-General—Z. L. Budrikis, A. Z. Byczynski, A. Morton, E. E. Sabbage, N. E. H. L. Seager.
 Supply—G. E. Biggins, A. G. Ellis.
 Treasury—L. G. Hopkins.
 Works—B. W. Wenham.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. LOAN (EMERGENCY WHEAT STORAGE) BILL 1955.—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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1955.—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. Calwell was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Eric 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	£27,700
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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. McLeay reported accordingly.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Bate, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Wentworth.

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.