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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CUNNINGHAM ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that it was the intention of Mr. Speaker to issue a Writ on Tuesday the 27th March, next, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Cunningham, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of Mr. William Davies, deceased. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Wednesday, 11th April, 1956.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 28th April, 1956.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Saturday, 9th June, 1956.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Special Report by the Auditor-General, dated 20th March, 1956.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Flax Industry Act—Flax Commission—First Annual Report and financial accounts, for period 1st November, 1954 to 30th June, 1955.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—Amberley, Queensland.

Department of the Interior (Meteorological Branch) purposes—Gladstone, Queensland.

Overseas Telecommunications Commission purposes—Thursday Island, Queensland.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1955—

No. 15—Administrative Re-organization.

No. 16—Supply (No. 1) 1955-56.

No. 20—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea).

No. 22—Firearms.

No. 24—Building (No. 2).

No. 25—Animals and Birds Protection.

No. 26—Motor Traffic.

No. 27—Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance).

No. 28—Lutheran Mission New Guinea.

No. 29—Australian Lutheran Mission Property.

No. 30—Prisons.

No. 31—Coroners.

No. 32—Criminal Procedure (Papua).

No. 33—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua).

No. 34—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea).

No. 35—Police Offences (Papua).

No. 36—Police Offences (New Guinea).

No. 37—Ordinances Interpretation.

No. 38—Coroners (No. 2).

No. 39—Administration Employees' Compensation.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Health—B. W. Royall.

Postmaster-General—P. D. Grey, P. N. Holt, J. B. Potter, R. H. Sorrell, D. Veness.

Repatriation—F. G. Smyth.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1954-55.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1956—

No. 3—Liquor.

No. 4—Optometrists.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1954-55.

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4. SALK POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE—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. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health), That the Paper [*presented on the 22nd February, 1956*], viz. :—

Salk Poliomyelitis Vaccine—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and negatived.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At seven minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

5. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the First Session of the Twenty-second Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 8th March, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

7. NATIONAL ECONOMY—ECONOMIC MEASURES—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. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 14th March, 1956*], viz. :—  
National Economy—Economic Measures—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) from making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Debate resumed on the motion.

Mr. Crean moved, as an amendment, That all words after " Paper " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—" so far as it discloses a policy of increasing interest rates on bank overdrafts is injurious to the large majority of the people of Australia and should be rejected ".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. 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-three minutes to eleven 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. Anthony, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Leslie, Sir Philip McBride, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Timson.

\* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.