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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST 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. SOCIAL SERVICES BENEFIT—METHOD OF PAYMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a newspaper article concerning an applicant for a sickness benefit, and informed the House of the retrospective nature of benefit payments made by the Department of Social Services.
 3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 19.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 20.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, Nos. 21, 22.
Lands Acquisition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 23.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—A. G. Lunt.
Prime Minister—C. G. Harris.
Repatriation—W. M. Ada.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 15th March, 1956.
 4. 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz. :—*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 resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
 5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—
21st March, 1956—*Message—*
No. 6—Meat Export (Additional Charge) 1956 (*without requests*).
No. 7—Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) 1956.
No. 8—Fisheries 1956.
 6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.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. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Leslie, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. Nelson, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Timson.

* On leave.

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

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