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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33,

WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1958.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. L. R. Johnson presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will give immediate consideration to the matter of increasing the rate of pension to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage and liberalizing certain other social service benefits.
Mr. Johnson also presented a Petition from certain electors in the States of the Commonwealth praying that the House will take immediate steps to increase social service benefits for mothers and their children.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for 1957.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1958.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

Canberra, 11th August, 1958.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of Housing.

Canberra, 11th August, 1958.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Townley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Townley, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Townley and Mr. McMahon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Townley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Townley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1958.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the expending of those Moneys.

Canberra, 11th August, 1958.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the expending of those Moneys.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. McMahon moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. McMahon, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. McMahon and Mr. Townley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. McMahon then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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7. 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 £27,450

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:—
That the first item be reduced by £1.

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.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 53.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 54.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Casey, Mr. Crean, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Watkins.

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