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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1959.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Daly presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will (1) give immediate consideration to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage, (2) amend the National Health Act to make the Pensioner Medical Service available to all pensioners irrespective of means, and (3) provide increased pharmaceutical benefits for pensioners.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—Adaminaby, New South Wales.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1959—
 - No. 1—Status of Darwin.
 - No. 2—Interpretation.
 - No. 3—Holidays.
 - No. 4—Birds Protection.
 - No. 5—Lands Acquisition Repeal.
 - No. 6—Wards' Employment.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
21st April, 1959—*Message No. 25—Parliamentary Allowances 1959.*
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business.
6. AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION BILL 1959.—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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Hasluck—Minister for Territories), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past eleven 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. Brimblecombe, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Howse, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Riordan*.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.