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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1960.

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.—Sir Earle Page presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will pass legislation to ease the means test and increase social service benefits payable to civilian widow pensioners and their dependent children.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Johnson presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the House will take action to have the *Telephonic Communications (Interception) Act 1960* repealed.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Luchetti presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia praying that the House will (a) bring forward emergency legislation to grant an immediate pension increase of £1 per week, provide free medical and pharmaceutical benefits and control prices, and (b) consider increasing pensions to half the male basic wage.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Whitlam, Mr. Costa, Mr. Aston, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Daly, Mr. Bury, Mr. Clay, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Cope and Mr. Curtin, and were severally received.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1959-60, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Apple and Pear Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959-60.
Australian Canned Fruits Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959-60.
Australian Dairy Produce Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959-60.
Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959-60.
Australian Meat Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959-60.
Australian Wine Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959-60.
Papua—Report for year 1958-59.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Wool Testing Authority Act—Australian Wool Testing Authority—Third Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1959-60.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Dried Fruits Control Board—Thirty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1959-60, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Sixth Annual Statement concerning operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1959-60.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—R. S. Matthews, O. Ruzicka.
Supply—P. W. R. Baker, D. P. Brown, N. L. Bryans, A. W. Dunkeld, J. Elhay, J. V. Evans, R. A. Fletcher, D. C. Graebner, R. E. Kane, D. Kilpin, S. McDonald, J. D. Reilly, A. M. Sayer, W. Warhurst.
Treasury—R. B. Armson, N. F. Nettheim.

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4. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1959-60—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Statement for the year 1959-60 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1960 (Advance to the Treasurer).

Ordered—That the Statement be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House at the next sitting.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

6. MARRIAGE BILL 1960.—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. Courtney), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. TARIFF BOARD BILL 1960.—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. Peters), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen 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. Davis, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Howse, Mr. Howson, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Uren.

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