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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report—Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Meat Export Control Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1939–40, together with Statement by Minister regarding operation of Act.
3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement referring to developments in the war with Germany and surveying international affairs generally.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement on the subject.
4. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the resumption of the Budget debate.  
Question—put and passed.
6. 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.—  
The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	..	..	..	£8,176
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be agreed to.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the words "agreed to" be omitted and the word "postponed" inserted in place thereof.

Mr. Curtin addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Badman reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SWAN BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Swan Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 21st November, 1940.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Collins (Assistant Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
And then the House, at twelve minutes to 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. Blain and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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