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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Royal Highness the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Royal Highness's Speech on the Opening of the First Session of the Eighteenth Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 7th November, and that His Royal Highness had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to thank you for the Address in Reply, which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to His Most Gracious Majesty The King the message of loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia to which the Address gives expression.

4. ELECTION PETITION.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an Election Petition which he had received from the District Registrar of the High Court, at Sydney, under section 196 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, viz.:—Petition of Ronald Grafton Sarina against the return of William Paul O'Connor as Member for West Sydney.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Broadcasting—Composite statement of programme and technical service accounts of Australian Broadcasting Commission and Postmaster-General's Department in respect of the national broadcasting service for year 1944-45.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Interior—F. E. Wells.

Labour and National Service—F. P. Bridges, P. H. Cook.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 161.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Cabarlah, Queensland.

Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Postal purposes—

Footscray West, Victoria.

Moorabbin, Victoria.

Meat Export Control Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1945-46, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2738-2767.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1946—No. 8—Tax Ordinances Repeal.

Regulations—1946—No. 3 (Crown Lands Ordinance).

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 141.

Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1-9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 159.

Sales Tax Procedure Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 158.

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6. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1946.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Security and Defence of the Commonwealth during a Time of Transition from War Conditions to Conditions of Peace, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
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	£8,870
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be agreed to.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.
Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes 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. Blain, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Lawson*, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Russell, Mr. Sheehy, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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