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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINEES—RATES OF PAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the rates of pay of National Service trainees, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
National Service trainees—Rates of pay—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Chambers moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—
Greenbank, Queensland.
Normanton, Queensland.
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Eagle Farm, Queensland.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1951—No. 30—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition (Papua).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Repatriation—E. A. Philips.
Supply—L. H. Norton.
Works and Housing—F. J. Allen, J. D. Edwards, G. E. Partlett.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College—Report for 1950.
War Service Homes Act—Annual Report for year 1950–51.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 23.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1950’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
EDWARD MATTNER,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 18th October, 1951.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. McDonald (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of a telephone exchange at Launceston, Tasmania.
Ordered to be printed.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Wilson (Chairman) brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—
REPORT.
The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

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The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which were discharged from the Notice Paper of the House of Representatives, recommend that the following be printed :—

- Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1950–51.
 Australian Broadcasting Act—Second Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board for year 1949–50.
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1949–50.
 Commonwealth Committee on Taxation—Reports—
 Concessional allowances for dependants.
 Exemption of country entertainments from Entertainments Tax.
 Income Tax—
 Concessional allowances for educational expenses.
 Concessional allowances for life insurance premiums, superannuation fund contributions, &c.
 Concessional allowances for medical, dental, optical and funeral expenses.
 Concessional allowances in respect of gifts to certain funds and institutions in Australia.
 Concessions to industry.
 Scholarships and similar payments for educational purposes.
 Taxation of superannuation allowances and pensions, and income of aged persons.
 Income Tax rates schedule and Statements Nos. 1 and 2.
 Taxation of excess profits—Reports dated—
 12th December, 1950 ;
 23rd February, 1951 ;
 23rd May, 1951 ;
 7th June, 1951.
 Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Twenty-second General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 Papua—Report for year 1949–50.

K. CAMERON WILSON,
 Chairman.

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Mr. Wilson moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
 8. 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	£16,400
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anderson, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Bruce, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Russell.

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