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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH 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. STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made a Statement, for the information of the House, with regard to the method of appointment, the conduct of business, and the scope of authority of the Standing and Statutory Committees.
3. NATIONAL SERVICE—MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF TRAINEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the medical examination of a National Service trainee who had suffered from poliomyelitis.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Repatriation Act—No. 1 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1950-51.
5. EXCISE TARIFF REBATE ACT REPEAL BILL 1951.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Excise Tariff Rebate Act 1944*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1951-52.—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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1951-52.—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.

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Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Administrator.

Message No. 23.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Egg Export Control Act 1951* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 22nd October, 1951.

9. 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Anderson, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Russell.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.