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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1955.

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. DRUG "RESERPINE"—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the discovery by officers of the Division of Industrial Chemistry, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, of a source of supply in Australia of the drug "Reserpine".  
Mr. Calwell, Mr. Keon, Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) and Mr. C. R. Cameron, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.  
Mr. Casey, by leave, made a further Statement.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—  
Bethungra, New South Wales.  
Warren, New South Wales.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1955—No. 15—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—  
23rd May, 1955—*Message*—  
No. 46—Patents 1955.  
No. 47—Rabbit Skins Export Charges Legislation Repeal 1955.  
Consular Fees 1955.  
Meteorology 1955.  
Cotton Bounty 1955.  
Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) 1955.  
Loan (Swiss Francs) 1955.
5. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Keon raised a matter of Privilege regarding remarks made in the House yesterday by the honorable Member for Parkes and the report thereof in the Melbourne *Argus* of the 25th May, alleging that the honorable Member for Yarra had peddled matter to newspapers, and moved, That the statements by the honorable Member for Parkes recorded in *Hansard*, page 1,000, dated 24th May, and the report of the statements in the Melbourne *Argus* of the 25th May, in reference to the honorable Member for Yarra, be referred to the Committee of Privileges for investigation and report.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. W. M. Bourke raised a matter of Privilege concerning remarks made in the House yesterday by the honorable Member for Parkes and the report thereof in the Melbourne *Argus* of the 25th May, stating that the honorable Member for Fawkner had attempted to sell Caucus secrets, and moved, That the remarks of the honorable Member for Parkes recorded in *Hansard*, page 1,000, dated 24th May, and the report thereof in the Melbourne *Argus* of the 25th May, in reference to the honorable Member for Fawkner, be referred to the Committee of Privileges for investigation and report.  
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—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. Pearce), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Costa, Mr. Crean, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies\*, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison\*, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ward and Mr. Webb.

\* On leave.

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