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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 72.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—  
Broken Hill, New South Wales.  
Uralla, New South Wales.

3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—BASIC WAGE AND COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.—Mr. Joshua having proposed to Mr. Deputy Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Government to support the application to the Arbitration Court for a general increase of the basic wage and restoration of the quarterly cost of living adjustments as proposed by the Australian Council of Trade Unions Congress"—

Mr. Deputy Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Joshua addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Mr. Holt moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Lucock

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Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crenean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (MENTAL INSTITUTIONS) BILL 1955.—  
Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 69.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Mental Institutions.

Canberra, 7th September, 1955.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Mental Institutions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Sir Earle Page moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Earle Page, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Earle Page and Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Earle Page 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.

Sir Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. 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 . . . . .	£27,700
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), viz. :—  
That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 38.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
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Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bryson, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Greenup, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Whitlam.

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A. A. TREGEAR,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*