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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Clark presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1956.
 Papua and New Guinea Act—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance—
 Superannuation Board—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1955-56.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Immigration—E. W. Waterman.
 National Development—L. K. Hazlewood.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—UNEMPLOYMENT.—Mr. Barnard having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The serious position caused by unemployment in or throughout Australia"—
 Mr. 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. Barnard addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Ordered—That Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.
 Discussion continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Clarey be granted an extension of time.
 Mr. Holt moved, that the Business of the Day be called on.
 Question—put and passed.
5. NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BILL 1957.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.
 Clause 6 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 7 agreed to.
 Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 9 and 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 12 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 13 to 20, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.
 Clause 21 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 22 to 24, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

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Clause 25 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 26 agreed to.
 Clause 27 debated and agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time on the motion to print the Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan.
 Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), That the Paper (*presented on the 27th August, 1957*), viz.:—
 Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan, signed on the 6th July, 1957—
 be printed—
 Debate resumed by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—" and this House expresses its disapproval of the Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan ".
 Debate continued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Bird), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Wheeler*.

*On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.