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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1958.

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. NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the photograph referred to by him yesterday had also appeared in the *Courier-Mail* and that this newspaper was also being asked for an explanation.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Riordan presented a Petition from certain members of the Pensioners' League of Queensland praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage as the minimum.  
Petition received and read.
4. NATIVE FATALITIES IN NEW BRITAIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the death of two villagers and the wounding of one in an affray with an Administration party at Navuneraum in the Gazelle Peninsula.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Chambers, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—J. F. Patrick.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Spreyton, Tasmania.  
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Report for year 1956-57.  
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—  
Eighth Annual Report, for year 1956-57.
6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.  
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
8. MIDDLE EAST SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 6th August, 1958*], viz.:—  
Middle East Situation—Ministerial Statement, 6th August, 1958—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Casey moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) speaking for a period not exceeding one hour.  
Question—put and passed.  
Debate continued.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Casey moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. C. R. Cameron speaking for a period not exceeding one hour.  
Question—put and passed.  
Debate continued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cope), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the appointment of a Senator to the following Committee:—  
6th August, 1958—*Message No. 40*—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senator Wade in place of Senator Seward, deceased.
10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Injune, Queensland.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—H. J. Gregory.  
Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1958, No. 51.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Crean, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins.

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