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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1958.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Curtin presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will (1) give immediate consideration to the matter of increasing the rate of pension to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage, (2) amend the National Health Act to make the Pensioner Medical Service available to all pensioners irrespective of means, and (3) provide increased pharmaceutical benefits for pensioners.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—
Bonalbo, New South Wales.
Landervale, New South Wales.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
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 £27,450

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.

Member named and suspended.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lawrence) named the honorable Member for Lalor (Mr. Pollard) for reflecting on the Chair.

The Temporary Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Temporary Chairman of Committees reported the circumstances to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Lalor be suspended from the service of the House.

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

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Turner
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at eighteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate continued on the question and on the amendment.

Ordered—That Mr. Curtin be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Kingston-on-Murray, South Australia.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at twenty minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.