THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1960.

- 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. Harrison presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia praying that the House will (a) bring forward emergency legislation to grant an immediate pension increase of £1 per week, provide free medical and pharmaceutical benefits and control prices, and (b) consider increasing pensions to half the male basic wage. Petition received.
- 3. PARLIAMENT HOUSE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLES—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made a Statement with reference to recent newspaper articles relating to the cost of meals served in the Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms and to certain maintenance work which had been carried out in Parliament House.
- 4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Public Service Board-Preliminary Statement on the Public Service, for year 1959-60.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for Civil Aviation purposes— Blackboy Hill and Parkerville, Western Australia. Newburn and Cloverdale (Perth Airport), Western Australia.

- 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 6. SUPPLY-BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 101.--Senate-namely--

Salaries and allowances

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:--That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly. Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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- PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute— Copper Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 63. Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 62.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight-

FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1960.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) 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 sixteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bird, Mr. Bowden, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Davis, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Howse, Mr. Howson, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jess, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Uren.

> A. G. TURNER, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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