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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1961.

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. Kearney presented a Petition from certain electors in the State of New South Wales praying that the following programme be legislated for in the interest of the Australian people:—Nationalization of the coal and steel industries; introduction of a 35-hour working week; regulation of the migrant intake; diversion of the annual expenditure on defence to peaceful purposes; introduction of a national shipping line; substantial increases in social services benefits, and protection against evictions from homes and re-possession of articles purchased under hire-purchase terms.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 107.
Commonwealth Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 103.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 108.
Egg Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 104.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1961—
No. 24—Motor Vehicles.
No. 25—Pearling.
No. 26—National Parks and Gardens.
No. 27—Darwin Short Term Leases Repeal.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 106.
Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 105.
4. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TOURIST INDUSTRY.—Mr. Anderson brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:—
Report on the Australian Capital Territory Tourist Industry.
Ordered, after debate, to be printed.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1961.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—
DE L'ISLE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 30.*
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 amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954-1959.*
Canberra, 30th August, 1961.
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954-1959*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Mr. Holt 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 Mr. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt and Mr. Opperman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Bill brought up by Mr. Holt, and read a first time.

Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7. 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. 101.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£34,250
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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.

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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:—
30th August, 1961—*Message No. 31*—Foot and Mouth Disease 1961.
9. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Duthie, by leave, made a Statement with reference to an accusation, made by the Leader of the Australian Democratic Labour Party, that he had formerly been a member of the Communist Party.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1961.

Debate continued.

Mr. Whitlam having called for a document quoted from by the Minister for the Interior—

Mr. Freeth laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Copy of document relating to unity tickets and job delegates stated to be printed and published for the Waterside Workers' Federation of Australia, Brisbane Branch, by A. Arnell (President), 471 Adelaide-street, Brisbane.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Allan, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bury, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Jack, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Thompson.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.