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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 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. DEATH OF SENATOR R. W. PEARSON.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 11th September, of Senator R. W. Pearson, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Rex Whiting Pearson, a Senator from the State of South Australia, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in its bereavement.  
And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) and Mr. Forbes having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the dates in connexion with the General Elections for the House of Representatives to be held on the 9th December.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Fishing Industry Act—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1960–61.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Customs and Excise purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 110.  
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's report, for year ended 31st March, 1961.  
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1961—  
No. 15—Companies (New Guinea).  
No. 16—Navigation (Papua) Ordinance Amendment.  
No. 17—Anatomy.  
No. 18—Income Tax (No. 2).  
No. 19—Police Offences (Papua).  
No. 20—Police Offences (New Guinea).  
No. 21—Roman Catholic Mission (Port Moresby).  
No. 22—Roman Catholic Mission (Yule Island).  
No. 23—Roman Catholic Mission (Samarai).  
No. 24—Roman Catholic Mission Property Ordinance (Papua) Repeal.  
No. 25—Catholic Mission of the Holy Trinity.  
No. 26—Stock Brands.  
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1960–61.

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7. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Duthie, by leave, made a Statement with reference to an accusation, made by the Leader of the Australian Democratic Labor Party, that he had formerly been a member of the Communist Party.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
9. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1961.—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 by Mr. A. D. Fraser who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ this House condemns the Government for having failed to increase rates of payment of various social services to correspond with increased prices, and particularly condemns the Government for again refusing to make any increase in child endowment, thus leaving child endowment unaltered since 1950, during which time its purchasing value has halved ”.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

### WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Debate continued.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bury, Mr. Daly, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holt, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Uren, Mr. Ward and Mr. Wheeler.

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N. J. PARKES,

*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.*