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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—REPORT TO TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action taken by the Third Session of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations in connexion with the report on the administration of New Guinea for the year 1st July, 1946, to 30th June, 1947, and the plan for the administrative union of New Guinea and Papua.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Labour and National Service—K. J. Bilsborrow, H. E. Heitsch.
Repatriation—F. Rewell.
Supply and Development—H. S. Edgell, M. H. Johnstone, P. M. McGregor, I. A. Mumme,
J. J. Veevers, D. A. Woodman.
Works and Housing—J. W. Rees.
5. TRIBOPHYSICS LABORATORY, MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The erection of a tribophysics laboratory at Melbourne University for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.
Question—put and passed.
6. ADDITIONS TO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT HAMILTON, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—Additions to telephone exchange at Hamilton, New South Wales.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

21st September, 1948.

(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	£12,000
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be agreed to, *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Harrison, viz.:*—That the first item be reduced by £1.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fadden from concluding his speech without interruption.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Hadley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.