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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

FRIDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Peter Fraser, C.H., Prime Minister of the Dominion of New Zealand, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Supply and Development—
I. H. Mather.
4. AUDIT BILL 1948.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), for Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act* 1901-1947.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £2,878,400"—further debated.
Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That Division No. 16.—Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, £1,873,000—be reduced by £1,000,000.
Debate continued.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

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

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And then the House, at three minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beale, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.