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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. GOLD POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding a change in the gold policy of the International Monetary Fund, the disposal of Australian gold, and discussions taking place concerning a proposed subsidy on Australian production. Sir Arthur Fadden then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 Gold Policy—Ministerial Statement—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. IMPORTED TIMBERS—*Sirex* WASP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the introduction in imported timbers of the wood pest known as the *Sirex* wasp.
4. PENSIONS PAYMENTS, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning arrangements made for the payment of pensions instalments falling due between Christmas and the New Year.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
 Nauru—Ordinance—1951—No. 1—Capitation Tax Repeal.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Twenty-second General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 Defence purposes—Wodonga, Victoria.
 Department of Social Services purposes—Jordanville, Victoria.
 Immigration purposes—
 Nunawading, Victoria.
 Postal purposes—
 Carlton, Victoria.
 Eudunda, South Australia.
 Glenferrie, Victoria.
 Mornington, Victoria.
 Tullamarine, Victoria.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—R. A. Blackman, F. A. Fraser.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—
 No. 85—Australian Workers' Union.
 Nos. 86-90—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 91—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association, Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia and others.
 No. 92 Amalgamated Engineering Union (Australian Section) and Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia.
 No. 93—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 94—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 95—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).
6. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1951.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1950*.
 Question—put and passed.

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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. 1—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £16,400

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Griffiths be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Failes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.