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THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.-The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board— Fourth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1950-51.

Report of the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth on the Accounts of the Joint Coal Board, for year 1950-51.

Services Trust Funds Act-

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund-Annual Report for year 1950-51. Services Canteens Trust Fund---Report for period 1st July, 1950, to 31st December, 1951.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY .- Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved. That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

4. 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 £13.500 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. Bowden reported accordingly. Resolved-That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT .--- Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lucock, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Townley, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Wight.

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

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