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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 149.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—
 - Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Northcote, Victoria.
 - Return of land disposed of under section 63.
 - National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year 1952-53.
 - Papua and New Guinea Act—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance—First Annual Report of the Papua and New Guinea Superannuation Board for period 29th September, 1951, to 30th June, 1952.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Civil Aviation—J. V. Doubleday, A. W. Garner, W. W. Hammond, R. O. Hart, N. H. O'Neill, P. Swift, G. B. Wharton.
 - Defence Production—J. D. McLauchlan.
 - Health—E. D. Docherty, J. R. Meyers, A. J. Mooney.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Bryson be appointed a Member of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, in the place of Mr. Rosevear, deceased.
Question—put and passed.
4. A.N.Z.U.S. COUNCIL—FIRST MEETING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 5th September, 1952,*] viz. :—
A.N.Z.U.S. Council—First Meeting, Honolulu, 4th to 6th August, 1952—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and negatived.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Third Report for year 1952-53—Administrative Arrangements Order, together with Treasury Minute on Second Report of Committee 1952-53.
Ordered to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) from making his speech in Committee of Supply on the Budget without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
8. 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 £19,900

be agreed to.

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Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.
Debate continued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Curtin addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Timson	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Ewert	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Bird
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Duthie			Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Davies, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. McColm, Mr. O'Connor, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Treloar.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.