

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

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. RICE GROWING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding proposals for the commercial growing of rice on the sub-coastal plains of the Northern Territory.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 91.
 - Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (7).
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Redland Bay (Brisbane), Queensland.
 - Postal purposes—Naracoopa, King Island, Tasmania.
 - National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 93.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 92.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Civil Aviation—J. M. McRae.
 - Postmaster-General—H. R. Harant.
 - Repatriation—M. E. Briggs, J. C. S. Officer, J. Stockdale.
 - Supply—D. Hemsley-Hooker.
 - Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund as at 30th June, 1954.
4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.
Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
5. 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 £20,000

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

Question—That the item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell	

Tellers:

Mr. Daly
Mr. Sheehan

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		NOES, 55.		
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley	

And so it was negatived.

General debate concluded.

First item agreed to.

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to 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. Beazley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford*, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Robertson.

* On leave.

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