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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 14TH 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Casey, Senator Spicer (Attorney-General) would act as Minister for External Affairs and as Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, and would be represented in this House by Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence). The Minister for National Development would be represented by Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply).
3. REDUCTION OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN KOREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the agreement reached for the balanced reduction of the British Commonwealth naval, land and air forces in the Korean theatre.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 Letter, dated 11th September, 1954, from "Truth" and "Sportsman" Limited containing an apology for the publication in the *Daily Mirror* of a remark attributed to an honorable Member.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order directing Berthing of a Vessel.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes at Traralgon, Victoria.
 National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Thirty-first Annual Report, for year 1953-54.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Defence Production—A. F. Kent.
 National Development—J. K. Fitzgerald.
 Supply—G. V. Dunne, W. J. Morley.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1954—
 No. 14—Companies.
 No. 15—Sale of Goods.
 No. 16—Trustee Companies.
 Regulations—1954—
 Nos. 9 and 10 (Public Health Ordinance).
 No. 11 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
 No. 12 (Machinery Ordinance).
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1954-55.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £1,678,000"—

Vote—"Department of Social Services, £2,439,000"—

Vote—"Department of Shipping and Transport, £946,000"—

Vote—"Department of Territories, £165,000"—

Votes further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Immigration, £1,296,000"—

Vote—"Department of Labour and National Service, £1,776,000"—

Vote—"Department of National Development, £822,000"—

Vote—"Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £3,800,000"—

Vote—"Australian Atomic Energy Commission, £505,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

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.

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6. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the First Session of the Twenty-first Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 24th August, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 96.
Lands Acquisition Act—Return of land disposed of under section 63.
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 95.
Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 94.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Whitlam rising to address the House—
Closure.—Sir Eric 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, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	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	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Creamean	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin		

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 twelve 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. Beazley, Mr. Bostock, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford*, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Russell.

* On leave.

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