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 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
 OF THE  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY—REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper :—  
 Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1954—  
 and, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the Australian National University.  
 Mr. Menzies then moved, That the Report be printed.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for Department of Civil Aviation purposes—  
 Renmark, South Australia.  
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of National Development—G. F. Graham,  
 B. A. Knox.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPATRIATION BILL 1955.—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, *Message No. 93.*  
 The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Repatriation Act 1920-1954’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
 President

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 29th September, 1955.
- Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.— Bill read a first time.  
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.— Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
 Question—put and passed.

5th October, 1955.

6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £25,803,000"—

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £22,000,000"—

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000"—

Vote—"Bounties and Subsidies, £16,070,000"—

Vote—"War and Repatriation Services, £15,977,000"—

Votes further debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Bowden) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £3,336,000"—

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £79,265,000"—

Vote—"Broadcasting Services, £5,352,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

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.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 63.  
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 62.  
 Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1955—No. 3 (Boarding-houses Ordinance).
8. ADJOURNMENT. Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brown, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Joske, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Wheeler.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.