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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Ward presented a Petition from certain Australian citizens, praying that the Parliament will give immediate consideration to the question of increasing pensions to no less than 50 per cent. of the basic wage as the minimum.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
United Nations—General Assembly—Tenth Session, New York, 22nd September to 20th December, 1955—Summary Report of Australian Delegation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Postmaster-General—J. Creswell, A. K. Martin, J. Swift, M. Townley.
Territories—M. Shephard.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
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	£26,500
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), viz. :—
That the first item be reduced by £1.

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.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past 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. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. Fairhall, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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