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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 58.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Ward presented a Petition from 6,091 citizens of the Commonwealth, praying that the House will take action to enable defence allocations and additional finance to be used for the implementation of a full scale programme of housing and public works.  
Petition received and read.
3. SUEZ CANAL—USERS' ASSOCIATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding an announcement by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of the decision of the United Kingdom Government, together with the United States of America and France, to establish an association of users of the Suez Canal.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1955-56, together with Summary of Recommendations.  
Ordered—That the Report be printed.  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for 1955.
5. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 17, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

*The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 17, I do hereby nominate—

Joseph James Clark, Esquire,  
The Honorable Norman John Oswald Makin,  
Edward William Peters, Esquire, and  
Charles Harry Webb, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this thirteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

J. McLEAY,  
Speaker.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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7. 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

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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:—

13th September, 1956—*Message No. 62*—Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1956.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—L. N. Newell.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Defence—J. S. Dunn, W. F. Petrie, C. F. Teese.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Reports by Auditor-General on Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund for the years 1954–55 and 1955–56.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. E. James Harrison, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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