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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 59.

TUESDAY, 18TH 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. SUEZ CANAL—PROPOSED CONFERENCE—USERS' ASSOCIATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Australian Government had accepted an invitation to participate in a proposed conference of nations in connexion with the Suez Canal to be convened in London on the 19th September. Mr. Casey announced the matters to be considered at the conference, with particular reference to the proposal to establish a co-operative association of canal users.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank, Commonwealth Trading Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1956; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
Biological Effects of Atomic Radiation—Statement by Minister for Health.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—H. B. O'Keeffe.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1956—No. 96—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
4. DISARMAMENT APPEAL—COMMUNICATION FROM RUSSIAN SUPREME SOVIET.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics transmitting an appeal of the Supreme Soviet to Parliaments of all countries of the world on disarmament.
Mr. Speaker stated that the documents would be tabled in the Library.
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.

Mr. Cairns addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—being accordingly put—

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

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
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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. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (No. 2) 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. 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 three 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. Anthony, Mr. Brand, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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