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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1957.

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. Griffiths presented a Petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage.
Petition received and read.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that Sir Arthur Fadden would be absent from Australia from the 20th September to the 14th October and that, during this absence, he would act as Treasurer, and Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) would, in his place, act as Minister for External Affairs, being assisted by Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air).
4. DEFENCE DEVELOPMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of developments in connexion with the overall Government policy on defence, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
Proposed Agreement between Governments of the United Kingdom and the Federation of Malaya on External Defence and Mutual Assistance—Text of United Kingdom Paper.
Arrangements for the employment of overseas Commonwealth Forces in emergency operations in the Federation of Malaya—Text of United Kingdom Paper.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to defence.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Territories—A. Adomenas, P. T. Hooper.
6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 1st October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. 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 £30,000

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.

Want of Quorum.—Mr. Ward called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Adermann reported that a quorum was not present in the Committee. Mr. Speaker ordered the bells to be rung, and a quorum having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Ward	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Webb	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin		
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Riordan		

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 ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 1st October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wheeler*.

*On leave.

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