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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1959.

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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Holt, Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) would act as Treasurer and nominate a Minister for each week to carry out the duties of Leader of the House.
3. INDIA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding India's northern frontier position. 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—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—
 - Gilgooma, New South Wales.
 - Matrville, New South Wales.
 - North Marulan, New South Wales.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1959—No. 24—Crown Lands (No. 2).
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—F. W. McGee, M. J. Prewett.
 - Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 73.
 - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1959—
 - No. 9—Advisory Council (No. 2).
 - No. 10—Interpretation.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow. Question—put and passed.
6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1959-60.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £3,228,000"—further debated.

Mr. Daly rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulmo	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Costa	Mr. Makin	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Courtney	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Crean	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. LOANS SECURITIES BILL 1959.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Loans Securities Act 1919-1956*.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1959-60.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £2,582,000"—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bandidt, Mr. Bird, Mr. Browne, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies, Mr. Davis, Mr. Failes*, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nelson*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Snedden.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.