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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
 

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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 No. 44.
 

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WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 77.
  - Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 76.
  - Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—D. C. Perry.
  - Tractor Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 75.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
4. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1953, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—Construction of a new Government Printing Office at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory or any sub-committee thereof, when considering certain matters relating to an all-weather road between Canberra and Tumut which were referred to the Committee on the 14th May, 1959, have power to adjourn from place to place.
  - (2) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.
 Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1959.—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.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Casey\*, Mr. Failes\*, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Haworth\*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Holten, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Nelson\*, Sir Earle Page\*, Mr. Riordan\* and Mr. Sexton.

\* On leave.

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