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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1960.

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. MUTUAL WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Mutual Weapons Development Programme Agreement between Australia and the United States, signed at Washington, 23rd August, 1960.
Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK—COMPANY DEBENTURE NOTICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the exhibition in branches of the Commonwealth Bank of notices inviting subscriptions to a debenture issue of a finance company.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Decimal Currency Committee—Report.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Interim Annual Report, for year 1959–60.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Postal purposes—Bedgerebong, New South Wales.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—Adaminaby, New South Wales.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1960—No. 5—Soil Conservation.
Regulations—1960—
No. 4 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).
No. 5 (Fire Brigades Ordinance).
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Fairhall (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to proposed Civil Engineering Aerodrome Works at Perth Airport, Western Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
6. 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. 101.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £33,650

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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7. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

24th August, 1960—*Message*—

No. 42—Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1960.

No. 43—Tariff Board 1960.

No. 44—Customs 1960.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—
THURSDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1960.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Davis, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Howse, Mr. Howson, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Russell, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Uren.

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