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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1962.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Whitlam presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government will (1) adopt the proposal of the Leader of the Opposition for extending the existing nuclear free zone in Antarctica to the whole of the Southern Hemisphere, (2) assure the United Nations of Australia's willingness to enter into an agreement to keep Australia free of nuclear weapons or bases and (3) assist in securing the earliest possible agreement for a universal and permanent test ban treaty.  
Petition received and read.  
Mr. Reynolds presented a Petition from certain electors in the State of New South Wales praying that the House will (1) make provision in the Budget for a substantial Federal emergency grant to all State Governments for education services and (2) set up a national committee of enquiry to investigate and report on the needs of primary, secondary and technical education throughout Australia.  
Petition received.  
Mr. Johnson presented a Petition from certain electors in the States of the Commonwealth praying that the House will take immediate steps to ease the burdens of unemployment.  
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had appointed Senator Kendall to fill the vacancy existing on the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. McMahan (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
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.—  
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitlam, 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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT EAST SALE, VICTORIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that four Royal Australian Air Force jet trainers had been involved in a tragic accident that afternoon at the East Sale Royal Australian Air Force base and that the six occupants of the aircraft had been killed. Mr. Fairbairn extended deepest sympathy to the relatives of the men killed.

Mr. Whitlam, by leave, associated the Opposition with the expression of sympathy.

8. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Calwell and Mr. Townley.

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