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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Lord Robinson, a Member of the House of Lords, and a distinguished Australian, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—J. Irvine, M. M. O'Halloran.
Labour and National Service—A. L. H. Carruthers.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—St. Leonards, New South Wales.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Regulations—1948—
No. 3 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).
No. 4 (Brands Ordinance).
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 7—Appropriation
1946-47.
5. TUBERCULAR BLOCK AND ADDITIONS TO SISTERS' QUARTERS AT LADY DAVIDSON HOME, TURRAMURRA, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, 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 :—The erection at Lady Davidson Home, Turramurra, New South Wales, of a multi-storey tubercular block and additions to the Sisters' quarters, for the Repatriation Commission.
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. 1. -
Senate -namely -

Salaries and allowances	£12,000
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Harrison, viz.: That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.

Resolved--That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.--Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question --put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Williams.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.