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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced to the House the following changes in the Ministry:—  
The Hon. Eric J. Harrison to be Minister for the Interior; and  
The Hon. P. A. M. McBride to be Minister for Defence.  
Mr. Menzies also announced that the Hon. H. L. Anthony (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for the Interior during the absence from Australia of that Minister, and that Mr. McBride would represent the Minister for Trade and Customs in this House.
3. REPATRIATION BENEFITS—SPECIAL OVERSEAS FORCES, KOREA AND MALAYA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Francis (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to conditions of war pensions and other repatriation benefits for members of the Special Overseas Forces allotted to operations in Korea and Malaya, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Repatriation Benefits—Special Overseas Forces, Korea and Malaya—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Haylen moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works and Housing—  
N. I. Davey, D. W. Hancock.  
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1949–50, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Bathurst, New South Wales.  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1950—No. 8 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) 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. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	..	..	£13,900
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be agreed to.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey (Minister for National Development) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.

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Debate continued.

Mr. Calwell moved, That Mr. Curtin be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Davies be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

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

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

Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until half-past ten o'clock a.m. this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Grayden, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hulme, Dame Enid Lyons\*, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Spender and Mr. B. M. Wight.

\* On leave.

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