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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) announced that, during the absence of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) would represent the Minister for National Development in the House of Representatives and Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) would act as Minister for External Affairs during the absence of the Prime Minister.
3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—INAUGURATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the inauguration of the Legislative Council of Papua and New Guinea, and informed the House that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth proposed to attend the first meeting and that the Commonwealth Parliament and the Government would be represented.
4. AUSTRALIAN AERO CLUBS—GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Australian Aero Clubs would be offered a new five-year contract providing for increased payments by the Government.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—
Orders—Inventions and designs (5).
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—A. H. Spowers.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. 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 £16,400

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Supply Bill (No. 2) 1951-52]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th October, 1951.

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President.

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[*Supply (Works and Services) Bill (No. 2) 1951-52*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th October, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

[*Excise Tariff Rebate Act Repeal Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal the ‘ Excise Tariff Rebate Act 1944 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 25th October, 1951.

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President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anderson, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Russell.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.