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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 153.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament will rectify the injustice which they believe is being done them under the Superannuation Act were presented by Mr. C. R. Cameron and Mr. Mackinnon.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—M. J. Clarke.
Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—H. R. Foster.
Interior—L. B. Capon.
Shipping and Transport—J. E. Dobson, B. Walker.
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund as at 30th June, 1953.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1953—No. 12 (Building and Services Ordinance).

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 139.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Pearl Fisheries Act (No. 2) 1953*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 17th September, 1953.

5. 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	£19,900
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (*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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Casey, Mr. Davies, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Haylen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Treloar.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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