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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1954.

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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Justice W. O. Douglas of the United States Supreme Court 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. PRIVILEGE—ALLEGED MISUSE OF *Hansard* PROOF.—Mr. Gullett drew attention to an article in the issue of the newspaper *Century*, dated 20th August, referring to certain proceedings of the House on the 12th August, and claimed that a breach of Privilege had occurred in that a confidential *Hansard* proof had been made available to the newspaper for the purposes of the article. Mr. Gullett then moved, That the article appearing in the *Century* of Friday, August 20th, be referred to the Committee of Privileges for a full investigation.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order directing Berthing of a Vessel.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—C. D. Swaine.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—WATER SUPPLY STORAGE SYSTEM, CANBERRA.—  
Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1953, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—  
The extension of the water supply storage system for Canberra.  
Mr. Kent Hughes laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH-AVENUE BRIDGE, CANBERRA.—  
Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1953, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—  
The construction at Canberra of a new bridge over the Molonglo River to replace the existing Commonwealth-avenue Bridge.  
Mr. Kent Hughes laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
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	£20,000
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell, 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.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric 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 twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley\*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Opperman, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Robertson.

\* On leave.

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F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*