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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALLEGED BUDGET LEAKAGE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding an alleged leakage of the contents of the 1956-57 Budget.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
Sir Arthur Fadden, by leave, made a further Statement on the subject.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 60.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1956—
 - No. 70—Amalgamated Engineering Union (Australian Section).
 - No. 74—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Australian Workers' Union and others.
 - No. 75—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 76—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Australian Workers' Union and others.
 - No. 77—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
 - No. 79—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 - No. 80—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - No. 81—Electrical Trades Union of Australia and others.
 - No. 82—Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia and Amalgamated Printing Trades Employees' Union of Australia.
 - No. 83—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 84—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
 - No. 85—Peace Office Guard Association.
 - No. 86—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.
 - No. 87—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
 - No. 88—Australian Timber Workers' Union.
 - No. 94—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.
 - No. 95—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
4. BARKER BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Barker Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 4th instant.
5. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1956.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902-1951.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Davidson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Davidson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (No. 2) 1956.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act* 1942-1954, as amended by the *Broadcasting and Television Act* 1956, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Davidson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Davidson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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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	£26,500
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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.

Ordered—That Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Report for 1955.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGGAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.