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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 57.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—Twenty-second Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for 1955.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Civil Aviation purposes—Llanherne, Tasmania.
Postal purposes—Wattle Hill, Tasmania.
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Thirty-third Annual Report, for year 1955–56.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—R. B. Lapedus.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FOOD RESEARCH LABORATORY BUILDINGS, NORTH RYDE, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Fairhall (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, namely :—Construction of Food Research Laboratory Buildings at North Ryde, New South Wales.
Mr. Fairhall laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION STUDIOS, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Fairhall (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, namely :—Erection of Studios for the Australian Broadcasting Commission at “Rosehill”, Adelaide-terrace, Perth, Western Australia.
Mr. Fairhall laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1956.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926–1953*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McMahon 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. McMahon 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. WOOL PRODUCTS BOUNTY ACT REPEAL BILL 1956.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Wool Products Bounty Act 1950*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McMahon 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. McMahon 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.

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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. 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 four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. E. James Harrison, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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