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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1958.

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. LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY PARTY—MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Arthur Fadden informed the House that he had this day resigned as Leader of the Australian Country Party, and that Mr. McEwen had been appointed to that position.
Mr. McEwen announced that Mr. Davidson had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party.
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) stated that Sir Arthur Fadden would continue as Treasurer, and that Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) would become Deputy Prime Minister.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Twenty-ninth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1956–57.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND POST OFFICE BUILDING, POTT'S POINT, SYDNEY.—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 Automatic Telephone Exchange and Post Office Building at Pott's Point, Sydney.
Mr. Fairhall laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
5. DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES BILL 1958.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. ATOMIC ENERGY BILL 1958.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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7. DEFENCE ORGANIZATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), That the Paper [*presented on the 19th March, 1958*], viz. :—
Defence Organization—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Thompson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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. Duthie, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Haylen, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Timson and Mr. Watkins.

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