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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1957.

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. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage were presented by Mr. L. R. Johnson and Mr. C. R. Cameron.
Petitions severally received and read.
Petitions from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate consideration be given to the matter of increasing the rate of age, invalid and widows' pensions to at least 50 per cent. of the basic wage were presented by Mr. Cairns, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Barnard and Mr. J. R. Fraser.
Petitions severally received.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—
Thirty-second Report—Department of Health: Canberra Abattoir.
Minutes of Evidence in connexion with the Thirty-second Report of the Committee.
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—J. B. Truscott.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Civil Aviation purposes—Coolangatta, Queensland.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Mareeba, Queensland.
Postal purposes—Quilpie, Queensland.
Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1956-57.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—G. J. Walker.
5. VIET NAM—VISIT BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the President of the Senate and he had issued a joint invitation to the National Assembly of Viet Nam to send four Members to visit the Parliament, and that the invitation had been accepted. The delegation would arrive in Canberra next week.
6. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th August, 1957*], viz.:—
Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan, signed on the 6th July, 1957—
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion:—"and this House expresses its disapproval of the Agreement on Commerce between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan"—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brand	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) from making his speech on the Budget without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

8. 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 £30,000

be agreed to.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1. Debate continued.

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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Beale moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 28.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Bird, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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