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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 158.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Peters presented a petition from certain employees of the Commonwealth Public Service praying that this House will give further consideration to amending the Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act so that temporary employees may enjoy a right which in justice should be theirs.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.
Pearl Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 84.
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Report for 1952.
Whaling Industry Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Whaling Commission, for period 1st April, 1952, to 31st March, 1953.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

- Vote—" Department of Immigration, £1,267,000 "—
Vote—" Department of Labour and National Service, £1,860,000 "—
Vote—" Department of National Development, £906,000 "—
Vote—" Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £3,660,000 "—
Vote—" Australian Atomic Energy Commission, £368,000 "—
Votes debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that arrangements had been made to hold a meeting of the Finance Ministers of the Commonwealth in Sydney during January, 1954.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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Vote—" Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £3,660,000 "—
Vote—" Australian Atomic Energy Commission, £368,000 "—
Votes further debated and agreed to.
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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Griffiths addressing the House—
Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

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Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Dean			Mr. Robertson	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Creamean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	

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 nineteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Berry, Mr. Casey, Mr. Davies, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hulme, Mr. James, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Turner.

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