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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Repatriation—R. G. Painter.
Social Services—M. P. Smith.
Works—M. L. Connick, K. F. Proposch.
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal No. 2—Report for year 1953–54.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir Eric 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.
4. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) declared—
(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature ;
(b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions ; and
(c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.
Question—That the Estimates be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 50.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Sir Eric Harrison then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows :—

(1) Estimates—				
Remainder of Vote—Parliament	} until noon, Thursday, 9th September.
Prime Minister's Department	
Department of External Affairs	
Department of the Treasury	
Attorney-General's Department	

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Department of the Interior	}	until 9 p.m., Thursday, 9th September.
Department of Works		
Department of Civil Aviation		
Department of Trade and Customs		
Department of Health	}	until 9.45 p.m., Tuesday, 14th September.
Department of Commerce and Agriculture		
Department of Social Services		
Department of Shipping and Transport		
Department of Territories		
Department of Immigration		
Department of Labour and National Service	}	until 10.15 p.m., Wednesday, 15th September.
Department of National Development		
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	}	until 8.45 p.m., Thursday, 16th September.
Australian Atomic Energy Commission		
Defence Services—		
Department of Defence		
Department of the Navy		
Department of the Army		
Department of Air		
Department of Supply		
Department of Defence Production		
Civil Defence		
Miscellaneous Services	}	until 5 p.m., Tuesday, 21st September.
Refunds of Revenue		
Advance to the Treasurer		
Bounties and Subsidies		
War and Repatriation Services		
Commonwealth Railways		
Postmaster-General's Department	}	until 11 p.m., Tuesday, 21st September.
Broadcasting Services		
Northern Territory		
Australian Capital Territory	}	until 10.45 p.m., Wednesday, 22nd September.
Norfolk Island		
Papua and New Guinea		
(2) Resolutions—		
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	}	until 11 p.m., Wednesday, 22nd September.
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution		
(3) Appropriation Bill—all stages		

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 92 for the discussion of the motion having expired—
Question—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1954-55.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £743,000"—
 Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £2,164,000"—
 Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £1,714,000"—
 Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £7,911,000"—

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Vote—" Attorney-General's Department, £1,407,000"—
considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—" Department of the Treasury, £7,911,000"—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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to 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. Beazley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford*, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Russell.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.