

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.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—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Griffith, New South Wales.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Berrigan, New South Wales.
 - Lower Portland, New South Wales.
 - Table Top, New South Wales.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 5.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement amending the Agreement approved by the ‘ Sugar Agreement Act 1951 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th September, 1954.

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1954-55.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Defence Services—

- Vote—“ Department of Defence, £715,000 ”—
- Vote—“ Department of the Navy, £48,165,000 ”—
- Vote—“ Department of the Army, £72,185,000 ”—
- Vote—“ Department of Air, £57,406,000 ”—
- Vote—“ Department of Supply, £14,960,000 ”—
- Vote—“ Department of Defence Production, £6,479,000 ”—
- Vote—“ Civil Defence, £90,000 ”—

Votes further debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

- Vote—“ Miscellaneous Services, £22,199,000 ”—
 - Vote—“ Refunds of Revenue, £22,000,000 ”—
 - Vote—“ Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000 ”—
 - Vote—“ Bounties and Subsidies, £20,250,000 ”—
 - Vote—“ War and Repatriation Services, £17,593,000 ”—
- considered together.

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question.—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 42.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McCohn	Mr. Turner
Mr. Allan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 26.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward	Mr. Galvin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod		

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 three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Beazley, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Russell and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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