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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND 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—  
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order directing Berthing of a Vessel.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Commerce and Agriculture—B. L. Gardner.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1954—  
No. 41—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
No. 42—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
No. 43—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.  
War Service Homes Act—Annual Report for year 1953-54.
3. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1954.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. McMahon then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1954-55.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Vote—"Northern Territory, £2,962,000"—

Vote—"Australian Capital Territory, £2,596,000"—

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £20,400"—

Vote—"Papua and New Guinea, £7,740,600"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to eleven 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.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the sum already voted for such services, there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £440,140,000 for the services of the year 1954-55, viz. :—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS  
AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Parliament .. .. .	743,000
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	2,164,000
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	1,714,000
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	7,911,000
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	1,407,000
Department of the Interior .. .. .	3,513,000
Department of Works .. .. .	2,503,000
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	11,082,000
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	3,457,000
Department of Health .. .. .	1,252,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	1,678,000
Department of Social Services .. .. .	2,439,000
Department of Shipping and Transport .. .. .	946,000
Department of Territories .. .. .	165,000
Department of Immigration .. .. .	1,296,000
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .	1,776,000
Department of National Development .. .. .	822,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization .. .. .	3,800,000
Australian Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	505,000

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	£	£
Defence Services—		
Department of Defence .. .. .	715,000	
Department of the Navy .. .. .	48,165,000	
Department of the Army .. .. .	72,185,000	
Department of Air .. .. .	57,406,000	
Department of Supply .. .. .	14,960,000	
Department of Defence Production .. .. .	6,479,000	
Civil Defence .. .. .	90,000	
	—————	200,000,000
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .		22,199,000
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .		22,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer .. .. .		16,000,000
Bounties and Subsidies .. .. .		20,250,000
War and Repatriation Services .. .. .		17,593,000
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Total PART 1 .. .. .		347,215,000
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PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.		
Commonwealth Railways .. .. .		3,317,000
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .		71,456,000
Broadcasting Services .. .. .		4,833,000
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Total PART 2 .. .. .		79,606,000
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PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.		
Northern Territory .. .. .		2,962,000
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .		2,596,000
Norfolk Island .. .. .		20,400
Papua and New Guinea .. .. .		7,740,600
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Total PART 3 .. .. .		13,319,000
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TOTAL .. .. .		440,140,000

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1954–55.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1954–55, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £289,138,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Kent Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL 1954–55.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 Sir Eric Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPATRIATION BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Repatriation Act 1920-1953 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1954.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Eric Harrison 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1953 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1954.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Eric Harrison 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.

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

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. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford\*, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Robertson.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clrk of the House of Representatives.