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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 75.

THURSDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that Senator Spicer (Attorney-General) had been appointed Minister for Shipping and Transport.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1955—
 - No. 1—Police and Police Offences 1954.
 - No. 2—Mining 1954.
 - No. 3—Special Purposes Leases 1954.
 - No. 4—Crown Lands (No. 2) 1954.
 - No. 5—Stock Routes 1954.
 - No. 6—Aboriginals 1954.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Health—M. W. Corden.
 - Works—D. R. Carter, R. J. Casse, L. H. Gleig, G. Mitchell, L. M. Schneider, E. C. M. Symes, G. A. Waddell.
 - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 7th September, 1955.
 - War Service Homes Act—Annual Report for year 1954-55.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Cramer (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
 - Report relating to the proposed erection of Accommodation for Local Administration Staff, Darwin, Northern Territory.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY—NEGOTIATIONS WITH BANKING INSTITUTIONS.—Mr. Peters having proposed to Mr. Deputy Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to inform the House of the details of the negotiations and of the measures designed in co-operation with the Banking institutions to safeguard the Australian economy"—
 - Mr. Deputy Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
 - Mr. Peters addressed the House.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Several Members rising to address the House—
 - Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
 - Question—put.
 - The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 54.

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

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Noes, 40.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1955.—
Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 70.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the expending of those Moneys.

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Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing of Moneys for a Defence Purpose, namely Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and to authorize the expending of those Moneys.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Kent Hughes 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.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

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 £27,700

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt (*Leader of the Opposition*), viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 39.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Peters	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward	

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		NOES, 46.		
Mr. Allan	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull	

And so it was negatived.
 General debate concluded.
 First item agreed to.
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
 Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 1955.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947-1954*, as amended by the *Social Services Act 1955*.

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.
 Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. 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 and passed.

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 10 p.m., Tuesday, 20th September.
Prime Minister's Department		
Department of External Affairs		
Department of the Treasury		
Attorney-General's Department		
Department of the Interior		} until 12.45 p.m., Thursday, 22nd September.
Department of Works		
Department of Civil Aviation		
Department of Trade and Customs		
Department of Health		
Department of Commerce and Agriculture		} until 6 p.m., Tuesday, 27th September.
Department of Social Services		
Department of Shipping and Transport		
Department of Territories		
Department of Immigration		} until 9 p.m., Wednesday, 28th September.
Department of Labour and National Service		
Department of National Development		
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization		
Australian Atomic Energy Commission		} until 6 p.m., Thursday, 29th September.
Defence Services—		
Department of Defence		
Department of the Navy		
Department of the Army		
Department of Air		
Department of Supply		} until 5 p.m., Tuesday, 4th October.
Department of Defence Production		
Other Services		} until 11 p.m., Tuesday, 4th October.
Miscellaneous Services		
Refunds of Revenue		
Advance to the Treasurer		
Bounties and Subsidies		
War and Repatriation Services		} until 11 p.m., Wednesday, 5th October.
Commonwealth Railways		
Postmaster-General's Department		
Broadcasting Services		

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Northern Territory	} until 5.45 p.m., Thursday, 6th October.
Australian Capital Territory	
Norfolk Island	
Papua and New Guinea	
Part 4.—Payments to or for the States	
Part 5.—Self-balancing Items	} until 6 p.m., Thursday, 6th October.
(2) Resolutions—	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution 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.

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

AYES, 41.				
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howae	Mr. McMahon	
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Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley	
NOES, 35.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Tellers:
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Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £827,000"—
 Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £2,486,000"—
 Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £1,853,000"—
 Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £8,537,000"—
 Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £1,547,000"—
 considered together.

Votes debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1955—No. 4—Timber Licences.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1955, Nos. 58, 59.
 Post and Telegraph Act and Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955,
 No. 57.

13. 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 twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were presented (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Failes, Mr. Greenup, Mr. James, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Makin, Mr. McColm, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Whitlam.

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