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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

THURSDAY, 22ND 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. 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 extension of Wharf Facilities at Darwin, Northern Territory.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—HOUSING—COMMONWEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS.—Mr. Lemmon having proposed to Mr. Deputy Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The decisions of the Government to recommend to the States increases in the interest rates charged under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, to recommend to the States the abolition of the rental rebate system, to recommend to the States reduction in the money allocated to the State Housing Commission, and the consequent undermining of confidence in the building industry"—  
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 rose accordingly.  
Mr. Lemmon addressing 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, 48.

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

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Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Bryson
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Vote—" Department of the Interior, £3,633,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Works, £3,535,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Civil Aviation, £7,719,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Trade and Customs, £3,905,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Health, £1,362,000 "—

Votes further debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Bowden) 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—" Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £1,952,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Social Services, £2,614,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Shipping and Transport, £1,034,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Territories, £180,000 "—

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.

5. 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 five minutes to six 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. Anderson, Mr. Bate, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brown, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Joske, Mr. Keon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Whitlam and Mr. Wight.

A. A. TREGEAR,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*