

1954-55.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 81.

THURSDAY, 29TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. Beazley presented a Petition from members of the Fixed Income Group Association of Perth in the State of Western Australia, praying that a statutory body be appointed, preferably a Royal Commission, to inquire into the causes of inflation in Australia and to advise as to the best means to be adopted to reduce the cost of living and thus restore value to the currency.  
Petition received.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill :—  
26th September, 1955—*Message No. 71*—Loan (Emergency Wheat Storage) 1955.
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 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## Defence Services—

Vote—" Department of Defence, £750,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Navy, £48,834,000 "—

Vote—" Department of the Army, £63,128,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Air, £50,926,000 "—

considered together.

Mr. Crean moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—" Department of Defence, £750,000 "—be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At nine 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 Vote proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

## AYES, 30.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Thompson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue		

## NOES, 49.

Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Sir E. Page	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Lucock

And so it was negatived.

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

Defence Services—

Vote—“ Department of Supply, £14,134,000 ”—

Vote—“ Department of Defence Production, £11,253,000 ”—

Vote—“ Other Services, £975,000 ”—

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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1955.—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 92.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1954 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 29th September, 1955.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. C. R. Cameron addressing the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past 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. Brimblecombe, Mr. Brown, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Joske, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Russell and Mr. Wheeler.

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