THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1955.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.-The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. TAXATION—REPORT OF COMMISSIONER—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Menzics (Acting Treasurer) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:-

Taxation-Thirty-fourth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 15th June, 1955,

together with Statistical Appendicesand moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3. PAPERS.--The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—Twenty-first Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for 1954.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired for Defence purposes-Mackay (Mount Vince), Queensland.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1953—No. 31—Slaughtering.

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

(In the Committee.)

Defence Services-

Vote-" Department of Supply, £14,134,000"-

Vote—" Department of Defence Production, £11,253,000"—

Vote—" Other Services, £975,000 "-

Votes further debated.

Mr. Lemmon moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote--" Department of Defence Production, £11,253,000"—be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At six 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, 43.		
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Tellers:
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Dal y
Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fitzgerald

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Opperman	J
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lindsay	Sir E. Page	Tellers:
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Luck	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

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

Vote--- Miscellaneous Services, £25,803,000 "--Vote-- "Refunds of Revenue, £22,000,000"—

Vote— "Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000"—
Vote— "Bounties and Subsidies, £16,070,000"—
Vote— "War and Repatriation Services, £15,977,000" 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 eleven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brown, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Joske, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Wheeler.

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