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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MIGRANTS—ALLEGED ILLEGAL ENTRY—DEPARTMENTAL REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding an allegation in a newspaper article that migrants were entering Australia illegally. Mr. Holt then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Migrants—Alleged illegal entry—Departmental Report—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—B. Madeley.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—  
5th October, 1956—*Message*—  
No. 49—Social Services 1956.  
No. 50—Repatriation 1956.
5. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT BILL 1956.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve Acceptance by Australia of the International Wheat Agreement, 1956, and for other purposes.  
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. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. HOME NURSING SUBSIDY BILL 1956.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Grant of Subsidies to Home Nursing Organizations.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Cameron 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. Cameron moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. SUPPLY ESTIMATES 1956-57.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Defence Services—

Vote—" Department of Supply, £15,132,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Defence Production, £19,891,000 "—

Vote—" Other Services, £988,000 "—

Votes further debated.

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Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—  
“ Department of Supply, £15,132,000 ”—be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Vote proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

## AYES, 29.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Kearney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. E. James	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Curtin	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	

## NOES, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Joske	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Graham	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley	

And so it was negatived.

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

Vote—“ Miscellaneous Services, £23,381,000 ”—

Vote—“ Refunds of Revenue, £22,000,000 ”—

Vote—“ Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000 ”—

Vote—“ Bounties and Subsidies, £13,500,000 ”—

Vote—“ War and Repatriation Services, £17,306,000 ”—

Vote—“ Commonwealth Railways, £3,697,000 ”—

Vote—“ Postmaster-General's Department, £87,123,000 ”—

Vote—“ Broadcasting and Television Services, £6,802,000 ”—  
considered together.

Votes debated.

Progress 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past 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. Barnard, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Downer, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Luck, Mr. Makin, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan\*, Mr. Russell, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webb and Mr. Whitlam.

\* On leave.

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