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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1957.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1956.
  - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1957—
    - No. 21—Interpretation.
    - No. 22—Mental Defectives.
    - No. 23—Licensing.
    - No. 24—Education.
    - No. 25—Stock Routes and Travelling Stock (No. 2).
    - No. 26—Stock Diseases.
    - No. 27—Licensing (No. 3).
    - No. 28—Crown Lands.
    - No. 29—Welfare.
    - No. 30—Police and Police Offences (No. 2).
    - No. 31—Abattoirs and Slaughtering.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—CUSTOMS HOUSE, MELBOURNE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Lawrence (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
  - Report relating to the erection of additions to Customs House, Flinders-street, Melbourne, Victoria—
  - and moved, That the Paper be printed.
  - Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate had appointed Senator Poke to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in place of Senator Nicholls.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Ryan (Mr. Drury) on the ground of ill health.  
Question—put and passed.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Members for Hunter (Mr. James) and Wilmot (Mr. Duthie), on the ground of ill health, and to the honorable Member for Scullin (Mr. Peters), on the ground of public business overseas.  
Question—put and passed.
7. ACCOMMODATION FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The Erection of Proposed Accommodation for Local Administrative Staff at Darwin, Northern Territory.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. **NEW WHARF FACILITIES, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The Extension of New Wharf Facilities at Darwin, Northern Territory.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
9. **COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The Erection of Commonwealth Offices at Phillip-street, Sydney, New South Wales.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
10. **TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, HAYMARKET, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The Erection of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Haymarket, Sydney, New South Wales.  
Question—put and passed.
11. **FOOD RESEARCH LABORATORIES, NORTH RYDE—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The Erection of Food Research Laboratories at North Ryde, New South Wales, for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.  
Question—put and passed.
12. **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION STUDIOS, PERTH—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The Erection of Studios for the Australian Broadcasting Commission at Perth, Western Australia.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
13. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957–58.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Civil Aviation, £9,862,000"—further debated.

Mr. McIvor rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Ordered—That the Vote for the Department of Health be now considered, and that the Votes for the Department of Customs and Excise, the Department of Trade, and the Department of Primary Industry then be considered together.

Vote—"Department of Health, £1,639,000"—debated.

Mr. Luchetti rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. H. E. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 52.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

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NOES, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Vote be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Vote—" Department of Customs and Excise, £4,060,000"—

Vote—" Department of Trade, £1,733,000"—

Vote—" Department of Primary Industry, £1,584,000"—

Votes debated.

*Member ordered to withdraw from the Committee.*—Mr. C. R. Cameron having reflected on the Chair, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lawrence) ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the Committee.

*Member ordered to withdraw from the Committee.*—Mr. Haylen having interjected, the Temporary Chairman ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the Committee.

The honorable Members accordingly withdrew.

*Proposed Point of Order.*—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to raise a Point of Order that the provisions of Standing Order No. 303 should not be applied except in cases when an honorable Member is grossly disorderly—

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman ruled that no Point of Order was involved as the application of the Standing Order was a matter for the Chair.

*Dissent from Ruling.*—Mr. Evatt having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Luchetti

NOES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Swartz addressing the Committee—

*Closure of Member moved.*—Mr. Ward moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Edmonds moved, That the Temporary Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Question—put.

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

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

*Members re-admitted to the Committee.*—With the permission of the Chairman, Mr. C. R. Cameron and Mr. Haylen returned to the Committee and apologized to the Chair.

Debate continued.

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.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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 Bills:—

15th October, 1957—*Message No. 36*—

Repatriation 1957.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1957.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

16th October, 1957—*Message No. 54*—Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1957.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Allan, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Calwell, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey\*, Mr. Costa\*, Mr. Drury\*, Mr. Duthie\*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Harrison\*, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Peters\*, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Turner\*, Mr. Watkins\*, Mr. Wheeler\* and Mr. Wight.

\*On leave.

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