

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 46.

TUESDAY, 22ND 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. PETITION.—Mr. C. R. Cameron presented a Petition from certain electors of the State of South Australia praying that the Government will take certain action towards the total banning of the H-bomb and nuclear weapons for warfare.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1957—
 - No. 16—Appropriation (No. 3) 1956–57.
 - No. 17—Supply (No. 1) 1957–58.
 - No. 18—Customs (Cocoa Export) Tariff.
 - No. 19—Ordinances Interpretation.
 - No. 20—Native Local Government Councils.
 - No. 21—Administrative Re-organization.
 - No. 22—Papua and New Guinea Copra Industry Stabilization.
 - No. 23—Papua and New Guinea Copra Marketing Board.
 - No. 24—Capuchin Friars Minor Mission.
 - No. 25—Minimum Age (Sea).
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—J. A. Bird, J. P. Ruban.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1957—
 - No. 70—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
 - No. 72—Commonwealth Telephone and Phonogram Officers' Association.
 - Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1957.
 - Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Thirty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1955–56.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957–58.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Labour and National Service, £2,147,000"—
 Vote—"Department of National Development, £1,348,000"—
 Vote—"Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £5,474,000"—
 Vote—"Australian Atomic Energy Commission, £1,411,000"—
 considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Erwin addressing 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 Votes be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Defence Services—

Vote—"Department of Defence, £960,000"—
 Vote—"Department of the Navy, £43,791,000"—
 Vote—"Department of the Army, £57,389,000"—
 Vote—"Department of Air, £58,021,000"—
 Vote—"Department of Supply, £15,318,000"—
 Vote—"Department of Defence Production, £12,372,000"—
 Vote—"Other Services, £2,149,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

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Mr. Crean moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—" Department of Defence, £960,000 "—be reduced by £1.

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.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past 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. Bowden*, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drury*, Mr. Duthie*, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. Jack*, Mr. James*, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Peters*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Turner*, Mr. Watkins*, Mr. Wheeler* and Mr. Wight.

*On leave.

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