

1959.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 51.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1959.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS—STATEMENTS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Thirty-ninth Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1958–59.
 - Broadcasting and Television Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 80.
 - Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 81.
 - Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1958–59.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 79.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1959—No. 4 (Wards' Employment Ordinance).
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Health—F. S. D. Thompson.
 - Social Services—T. Pursey.
 - Repatriation Act—
 - Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1958–59.
 - War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2 and 3—Reports for year 1958–59.
 - Social Services Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of Director-General of Social Services, for year 1958–59.

Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the services of the Trustees of the Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Trust whose final annual report had been presented.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement on the subject.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Sexton) on the ground of ill health. Question—put and passed.
4. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General), for Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence), moved, pursuant to notice, That the Chairman of Committees shall, on each sitting day, during the absence of the Speaker for Commonwealth Parliamentary Association purposes, take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, and may, during such absence, perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Speaker in relation to all proceedings of the House. Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1959–60.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered—That the following Votes be now taken, and considered together:—

Vote—"Department of Customs and Excise, £4,636,000"—

Vote—"Department of Trade, £2,164,000"—

Vote—"Department of Primary Industry, £1,860,000"—

Votes debated.

Mr. Ward rising to address the Committee—

Closure—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

1st October, 1959.

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

AYES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Ordered—That the following Votes be now taken, and considered together:—

Vote—"Department of Health, £1,991,000"—

Vote—"Department of Social Services, £3,483,000"—

Vote—"War and Repatriation Services, £87,319,000"—

Votes debated.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Bury	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Daly	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

30th September, 1959—*Message*—

No. 38—Social Services 1959.

No. 39—Repatriation 1959.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1959.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—R. L. Sands.

8. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence) declared—

- That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature;
- That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions; and
- That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.

1st October, 1959.

Question—That the Estimates be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holten	Mr. Pearce	
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Dean	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Townley	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Townley then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows:—

(1) Estimates—

Department of Immigration	} Until 5 p.m., Tuesday, 6th October
Department of Labour and National Service	
Department of National Development	} Until 11 p.m., Tuesday, 6th October
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	
Australian Atomic Energy Commission	
Defence Services—		} Until 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7th October
Department of Defence	
Department of the Navy	
Department of the Army	
Department of Air	
Department of Supply	} Until 10.30 p.m., Wednesday, 7th October
Other Services	
Miscellaneous Services	
Refunds of Revenue	} Until 10.30 p.m., Wednesday, 7th October
Advance to the Treasurer	
Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve	
Bounties and Subsidies	} Until 6 p.m., Thursday, 8th October
Commonwealth Railways	
Postmaster-General's Department	
Broadcasting and Television Services	} Until 10 p.m., Thursday, 8th October
Payments to or for the States—		
Department of Health	

(2) Resolutions—

Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	} Until 10.30 p.m., Thursday, 8th October
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	

(3) Appropriation Bill—All stages Until 11 p.m., Thursday, 8th October

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 92 for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

1st and 2nd October, 1959.

		NOES, 34.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. Davies	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1959–60.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Immigration, £2,039,000"—

Vote—"Department of Labour and National Service, £2,336,000"—

Considered together.

Votes debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Wight reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1959.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, 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. Anderson, Mr. Browne, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Failes*, Mr. Haworth*, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Nelson*, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Sexton* and Mr. Snedden.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.