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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. McEwen and Senator O'Sullivan, he would act as Treasurer, Senator McLeay (Minister for Shipping and Transport) would act as Minister for Commerce and Agriculture and as Leader of the Government in the Senate and would be represented in this House by Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), and Senator Spooner (Minister for National Development) would act as Minister for Trade and Customs.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for Defence purposes—
Canungra, Queensland.
Kingswood, New South Wales.
 - Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—
1953—
No. 56—Lands Acquisition 1952.
No. 72—Mercantile.
No. 77—Plant Disease and Control.
No. 83—Fees (Surcharge).
No. 86—Probate and Administration (No. 2).
No. 93—New Guinea Land Titles Restoration (No. 2).
 - 1954—
No. 12—Town Planning.
No. 13—Stamp Duties.
No. 18—Regulations Publication.
No. 24—Ordinances Interpretation.
 - Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—E. W. N. Oxlad.
4. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1954-55.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £22,199,000"—
 Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £22,000,000"—
 Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000"—
 Vote—"Bounties and Subsidies, £20,250,000"—
 Vote—"War and Repatriation Services, £17,593,000"—
 Votes further debated and agreed to.
 Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £3,317,000"—
 Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £71,456,000"—
 Vote—"Broadcasting Services, £4,833,000"—
 considered together.
 Votes debated and agreed to.
 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. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Public Works Committee Act—Twenty-third General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

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6. 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 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. Anthony, Mr. Bate, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Dean, Mr. Drakeford*, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Robertson.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.