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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable the Earl of Home, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations in the United Kingdom Government, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Defence Production—D. A. S. Holmes.
 National Development—J. R. Cleary.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1955—Nos. 31 and 32—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
4. **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—IMPORTATION OF SECOND-HAND MOTOR VEHICLES.**—Mr. Ward having proposed to Mr. Deputy Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The continued and persistent failure of the Minister for Trade and Customs to furnish the Parliament with information regarding the issue of an import licence to the American Heavy Equipment Company, a subsidiary of Messrs. Thiess Bros. of Queensland, in respect of second-hand motor vehicles brought to Australia from Honolulu earlier this year, and the need for an immediate investigation into the matter"—
 Mr. Deputy Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
 Mr. Ward addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
 Question—put.
 The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Luck	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremeau	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £827,000"—

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £2,486,000"—

Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £1,853,000"—

Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £8,537,000"—

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £1,547,000"—

Votes further debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At ten o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Bowden) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

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

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £3,633,000"—

Vote—"Department of Works, £3,535,000"—

Vote—"Department of Civil Aviation, £7,719,000"—

Vote—"Department of Trade and Customs, £3,905,000"—

Vote—"Department of Health, £1,362,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to 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. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bryson, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Joske, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Whitlam.

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