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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **IMPORT LICENSING QUOTAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPER.**—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to abuses of their position by some holders of certain import licensing quotas, and informed the House of counter steps being taken.  
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement concerning the matter.  
Mr. Osborne then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Import Licensing Quotas—Ministerial Statement.  
Mr. Calwell asked leave to give notice of a motion, That the Paper be printed.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Army—P. W. Butler.
4. **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.**—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the President of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Vietnam containing the greetings of the Assembly on the occasion of its first sitting at Saigon, and expressing the close co-operation of the people of Vietnam with all other peoples of the world in strengthening democracy and defending freedom and universal peace.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that a suitable acknowledgment would be sent.
5. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 10th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.**—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, being called on, Mr. Turnbull, at the request of Sir Earle Page, moved, That Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, the 19th April.  
Question—put and passed.
8. **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEASES—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATION.**—Mr. J. R. Fraser moved, pursuant to notice, That Regulation No. 3 of Regulations 1955, No. 13, being Regulations under the *Leases Ordinance* 1918–1955 of the Australian Capital Territory, be disallowed.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.  
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of motions be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Haylen rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly.

The House proceeding to a division—

*Point of Order.*—During the ringing of the bells, the honorable Member for the Australian Capital Territory (Mr. J. R. Fraser) raised a Point of Order as to whether he had a right to vote on his motion for the disallowance of the Regulation.

*Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Deputy Speaker referred to section 6 of the Australian Capital Territory Representation Act and ruled that the honorable Member's right to vote on any motion for the disallowance of any Ordinance of the Territory and on any amendment of any such motion did not extend to a motion disallowing a Regulation made under an Ordinance of the Territory.

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

**AYES, 39.**

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Bird
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. C. R. Cameron

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Casey	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley	

And so the question was negatived.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired—

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

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—C. J. Maguire.

10. NATIONAL ECONOMY—ECONOMIC MEASURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 14th March, 1956*], viz. :—  
National Economy—Economic Measures—Ministerial Statement—  
be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz. :—*That all words after “ Paper ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ so far as it discloses a policy of increasing interest rates on bank overdrafts is injurious to the large majority of the people of Australia and should be rejected ”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Opperman), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1956—

No. 9—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 10—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 11—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 10th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haworth, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. Nelson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Timson.

\* On leave.

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