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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 64.

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Cleaver presented a Petition from 5,533 electors of the Subdivision of Victoria Park, Division of Swan, 3 local governing authorities of adjacent areas, 17 voluntary organizations and 15 members of the British Medical Association praying that the Repatriation Commission should release the Edward Millen Home for local use and that the Commonwealth should transfer this property to the Government of the State of Western Australia for the purpose of hospital use.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for Postal purposes—Kapunda, South Australia.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—
27th September, 1956, a.m.—*Message No. 66*—Post and Telegraph Rates 1956.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. REPATRIATION BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper—
Disarmament Appeal—Communication from Russian Supreme Soviet.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill :—
26th September, 1956—*Message No. 45*—Canned Fruits Export Control 1956.
9. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) declared—
 - (a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature;
 - (b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions; and
 - (c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.

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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 Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 31.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Daly	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Holt 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—

Remainder of Vote—Parliament	} until 11.30 p.m., Thursday, 27th September.
Prime Minister's Department	..	..	..
Department of External Affairs	..	..	..
Department of the Treasury	..	..	..
Attorney-General's Department	} until 11 p.m., Tuesday, 2nd October.
Department of the Interior	..	..	..
Department of Works	..	..	..
Department of Civil Aviation	..	..	..
Department of Customs and Excise	} until 11.30 p.m., Wednesday, 3rd October.
Department of Health	..	..	..
Department of Trade	..	..	..
Department of Primary Industry	..	..	..
Department of Social Services	} until 9 p.m., Thursday, 4th October.
Department of Shipping and Transport	..	..	..
Department of Territories	..	..	..
Department of Immigration	..	..	..
Department of Labour and National Service	} until 10 p.m., Tuesday, 9th October.
Department of National Development	..	..	..
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	..	..	..
Australian Atomic Energy Commission	} until 8.30 p.m., Wednesday, 10th October.
Defence Services—				
Department of Defence	..	..	..
Department of the Navy	..	..	..
Department of the Army	} until 3.15 p.m., Thursday, 11th October.
Department of Air	..	..	..
Department of Supply	} until 10.45 p.m., Thursday, 11th October.
Department of Defence Production	..	..	..
Other Services	
Miscellaneous Services	} until 10.45 p.m., Thursday, 11th October.
Refunds of Revenue	..	..	..
Advance to the Treasurer	..	..	..
Bounties and Subsidies	..	..	..
War and Repatriation Services	..	..	..
Commonwealth Railways	..	..	..
Postmaster-General's Department	..	..	..
Broadcasting and Television Services	..	..	..
Northern Territory	} until 10.45 p.m., Thursday, 11th October.
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..
Norfolk Island	..	..	..
Papua and New Guinea	..	..	..
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Part 4.—Department of Health	
Part 5.—Department of Primary Industry	

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(2) Resolutions—

Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution } until 11 p.m., Thursday, 11th
October.

(3) Appropriation Bill—all stages.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
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Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	

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Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Clarey	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. ATOMIC WEAPONS TEST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the first explosion of an atomic device in the present series of tests of atomic weapons which had taken place late this afternoon at Maralinga.

11. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1956-57.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £875,000"—
Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £2,689,000"—
Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £2,061,000"—
Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £9,158,000"—
Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £1,729,000"—
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.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

27th September, 1956—Message No. 67—Social Services 1956.

13. 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 twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Allan, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brand, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wentworth.

* On leave.

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