

1956.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.— Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—  
Atomic weapons tests— Statements issued by or on behalf of the Government.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Eleventh Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1955-56.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 62.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—  
Defence purposes—Sunbury, Victoria.  
Department of Defence Production purposes—Eagle Farm (Brisbane), Queensland.  
Postal purposes—Korora, New South Wales.  
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—Cooma, New South Wales.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Attorney-General—G. V. Arthur, D. W. Reid.  
Defence Production—A. J. Callaghan, G. N. Letcher.  
Postmaster-General—W. Dejko, A. Feder.  
Treasury—D. R. Fitch.  
Rayon Yarn Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 63.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bowden brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—  
Report relating to the proposed erection of Automatic Telephone Exchange Building at Haymarket, Sydney.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1956-57.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Defence Services—

Vote—“Department of Defence, £890,000”—  
 Vote—“Department of the Navy, £39,065,000”—  
 Vote—“Department of the Army, £60,284,000”—  
 Vote—“Department of Air, £58,750,000”—

Debate resumed on the Votes, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz.:—That the amount of the Vote—“Department of Defence, £890,000”—be reduced by £1.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—  
Question—That the Vote proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

## AYES, 31.

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| Mr. Bird     | Mr. Clark   | Mr. Griffiths     | Mr. Lawson   | Mr. Peters      |
| Mr. Bruce    | Mr. Cope    | Mr. E. James      | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Whitlam     |
| Mr. Bryant   | Mr. Costa   | Harrison          | Mr. Makin    |                 |
| Mr. Cairns   | Mr. Crean   | Mr. R. W. Holt    | Mr. McIvor   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Calwell  | Mr. Curtin  | Mr. H. V. Johnson | Mr. Minogue  |                 |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. L. R. Johnson | Mr. Morgan   | Mr. Coutts      |
| Mr. Clarey   | Mr. Galvin  | Mr. Kearney       | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Stewart     |

## NOES, 55.

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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Allan         | Mr. Cleaver      | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck       | Mr. Turner      |
| Mr. Anderson      | Mr. Cramer       | Mr. Hasluck     | Mr. Mackinnon  | Mr. Wentworth   |
| Mr. Aston         | Mr. Davis        | Mr. Haworth     | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Wheeler     |
| Mr. Bate          | Mr. Dean         | Mr. H. E. Holt  | Mr. McColm     | Mr. Wight       |
| Mr. Beale         | Mr. Drummond     | Mr. Howse       | Mr. McEwen     | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Bland         | Mr. Drury        | Mr. Howson      | Mr. McMahon    |                 |
| Mr. Bostock       | Mr. Erwin        | Mr. Hulme       | Mr. Osborne    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Bowden        | Mr. Fox          | Mr. Jack        | Mr. Pearce     |                 |
| Mr. Brimblecombe  | Mr. J. M. Fraser | Mr. Joske       | Mr. Robertson  | Mr. Opperman    |
| Mr. Buchanan      | Mr. Freeth       | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Stokes     | Mr. Turnbull    |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Graham       | Mr. Killen      | Mr. Timson     |                 |
| Mr. Casey         | Mr. Hamilton     | Mr. Lindsay     | Mr. Townley    |                 |

And so it was negatived.

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

Defence Services—

Vote—“Department of Supply, £15,132,000”—

Vote—“Department of Defence Production, £19,891,000”—

Vote—“Other Services, £988,000”—

considered together.

Votes debated.

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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past 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. Barnard, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Brand, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Daly, Mr. Downer, Mr. Duthie, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn\*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan\*, Mr. Russell, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Webb.

\* On leave.

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