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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

FRIDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1941.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Tariff Board—Report—Bitumen.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Ward rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The industrial dispute existing at certain mines in New Guinea, and the lack of arbitration facilities to deal with industrial disputes in the Territory of New Guinea". Mr. Speaker thereupon 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 moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Collins (Minister dealing with External Territories) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1941-42.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 31.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

Canberra, 18th June, 1941.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

5. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1941-42.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1941-42 a sum not exceeding £15,141,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fadden, was adopted by the House.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1941-42.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1941-42, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £15,141,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fadden, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Spender do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1941-42.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-two*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Guy be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the House Committee.

Question—put and passed.

9. WAR OPERATIONS IN SOLLUM-FORT CAPUZZO AREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the result of recent military operations in the Sollum-Fort Capuzzo area.

10. PRIME MINISTER'S MISSION ABROAD AND WAR POSITION—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 28th May last*], viz. :—

Prime Minister's Mission Abroad and War Position—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 28th May, 1941—

be printed—

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.