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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House that, on the 3rd October, Mr. Fadden had submitted the resignation of his Government to His Excellency the Governor-General, and that His Excellency had commissioned him (Mr. Curtin) to form a Ministry. The Ministry, which was sworn in on the 7th October, is as follows :—

Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Co-ordination ..	Mr. Curtin
Minister for the Army .. .. .	Mr. Forde
Treasurer .. .. .	Mr. Chifley
Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs ..	Mr. Evatt
Minister for Supply and Development .. .. .	Mr. Beasley
Minister for the Interior .. .. .	Senator Collings
Minister for the Navy and Minister for Munitions ..	Mr. Makin
Minister for Social Services and Minister for Health ..	Mr. Holloway
Minister for Trade and Customs and Vice-President of the Executive Council ..	Senator Keane
Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation .. ..	Mr. Drakeford
Minister for Commerce .. .. .	Mr. Scully
Postmaster-General and Minister for Information .. ..	Senator Ashley
Minister for Labour and National Service .. .. .	Mr. Ward
Minister for Repatriation and Minister in Charge of War Service Homes ..	Mr. Frost
Minister for War Organization of Industry and Minister in Charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research ..	Mr. Dedman
Minister for Home Security and Minister assisting the Treasurer .. .. .	Mr. Lazzarini
Minister for External Territories and Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce .. .. .	Senator Fraser
Minister for Aircraft Production and Minister assisting the Minister for Munitions .. .. .	Senator Cameron
Minister for Transport and Minister assisting the Postmaster-General .. .. .	Mr. Lawson

Mr. Curtin announced that the Minister for the Interior would be represented in the House of Representatives by Mr. Lazzarini, the Minister for Trade and Customs by Mr. Beasley, the Postmaster-General and Minister for Information by Mr. Lawson, the Minister for External Territories by Mr. Ward, and the Minister for Aircraft Production by Mr. Drakeford.

Mr. Curtin also informed the House that the War Cabinet would comprise Mr. Curtin, Mr. Forde, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Makin and Mr. Drakeford.

3. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—Mr. Fadden informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition.
4. LEADER OF THE UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY.—Mr. Hughes informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the United Australia Party.
5. CABLEGRAM TO PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of a cablegram sent by the Government to the Prime Minister of Great Britain conveying an assurance of full co-operation with his Government and the Governments of the other Dominions, and expressing the intention of organizing Australia's resources to help in bringing victory to the Empire and our Allies.

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6. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN MULLAN.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 1st October, of the Honorable John Mullan, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable John Mullan, a former Member of the Commonwealth and Queensland Parliaments, and State Minister, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Hughes and Mr. Brennan having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
7. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Business of the House.
8. PROFITS—JOINT COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Clark, Vice-Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Joint Committee on Profits, and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
9. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1941-42.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1941-42 a sum not exceeding £16,221,000.

Debate ensued.

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. Chifley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1941-42.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Chifley (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 £16,221,000.

Debate ensued.

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. Chifley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1941-42.—Mr. Chifley (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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1941.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 43.*

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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At five minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At nine minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Supply Bill (No. 3) 1941-42*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

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[*Loan Bill (No. 2) 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
President.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—

No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 27—Postal Electricians Supervisors and Foremen's Association, Postmaster-General's Department, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 28—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Control of Timber.

National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Camp Rules (6).

National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Order—Payment of Officer Prisoners of War No. 1.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 236.

15. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Guy moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Balaclava (Mr. White), on duty with the Royal Australian Air Force.

Question—put and passed.

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 29th October, at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Brennan be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 29th October, at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Breen, Mr. Martens, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Stacey, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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