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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 143.

FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1943.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THIRD LIBERTY LOAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the results of the Third Liberty Loan.
3. MAP SHOWING DEFENCE PLANS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to a map circulated by the honorable Member for Maranoa which purported to show areas proposed to be evacuated in the event of invasion.
4. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—ACTING AND SUBSTANTIVE RANKS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the principles underlying the grant and retention of acting rank and in relation to promotions generally in the Royal Australian Air Force.
5. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. McEwen asked leave to make a Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McEwen 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, "Whether an offence against the security of the Commonwealth has been committed by the publication of a map by an honorable Member of this House which appears to be :—
(a) a wrongful publication of an official military map, or
(b) the publication of a map which wrongfully purports to be a military map, or
(c) a map with no official basis which purports to show that large areas of the continent were to be evacuated and is calculated seriously to affect the morale of the people".
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. McEwen moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL 1943.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate has passed a Bill for "<i>An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1940 ' "</i>", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.</p> <p>The Senate, Canberra, 24th June, 1943.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 186.</i></p> <p>JAS. CUNNINGHAM, President.</p>
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Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Financial Assistance to Tasmania—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission upon the application submitted by the Government of Tasmania for additional financial assistance in 1942–43 under the *States Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942*.
 Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1941–42.
 Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-second Report, for year 1941–42.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Final Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on application made by the State of Tasmania for further assistance in 1942–43 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the Constitution.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
 Amberley, Queensland.
 Bullsbrook (Pearce), Western Australia.
 Drayton, Queensland.
 Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, South Australia.
 Longreach, Queensland.
 Mount Lofty, South Australia.
 Tottenham, Victoria.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Orders—
 Aliens employment.
 Aliens restriction (Fishing vessels and other small craft).
 National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Military powers during emergency.
 National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 Control of highways (2).
 Merchant ships (Passive defence).
 Post and telegraph censorship.
 Prohibited places (3).
 Prohibiting work on land (4).
 Prohibition of acquisition and sale of censored envelopes.
 Protected areas (2).
 Registration of outboard motors.
 Removal of direction signs (Revocation).
 Taking possession of land, &c. (180).
 Use of land (14).
 National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Rules—Camp (2).
 National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (78).
 National Security (Medical Co-ordination and Equipment) Regulations—Order—Control of medical equipment.
 National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—
 Order—Prisoners of war camp.
 Rules—Camp.
 National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 23–28.
10. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1942–43.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 24th June, viz. :—That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1942–43 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

VII.—DEFENCE AND WAR (1939–42) SERVICES—

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To be allocated to particular services by Supplementary Appropriation ..	119,500,000
UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.	
Division No. 133A.—Price Stabilization Subsidies	500,000
	<u>120,000,000</u>
Less amount chargeable to Loan Fund	100,000,000
	<u>20,000,000</u>

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

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11. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1942-43.—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 Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1942-43, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £20,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens 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, was adopted by the House.

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

12. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1942-43.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional 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-three and to appropriate such sum* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Chifley moved, 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. Martens reported accordingly.

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1943-44.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 110.

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-four.

Canberra, 21st June, 1943.

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

14. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1943-44.—The House, according to Order, again 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 1943-44 a sum not exceeding £43,889,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

15. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1943-44.—The House, according to Order, again 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 service of the year 1943-44, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £43,889,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

16. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1943-44.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-four*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Chifley moved, 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. Martens reported accordingly.

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

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1943.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 111.

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.

Canberra, 21st June, 1943.

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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini 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, 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. Martens reported accordingly.

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

18. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL 1943.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 112.

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Canberra, 21st June, 1943.

25th June, 1943.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Lazzarini 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, 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. Martens reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Badman, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Corser, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Guy, Mr. Johnson, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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

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