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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1943.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott,
Herbert Claude Barnard, Esquire,
Joseph James Clark, Esquire,
The Honorable James Allan Guy,
William Joseph Hutchinson, Esquire,
George William Martens, Esquire,
Daniel Mulcahy, Esquire,
George James Rankin, Esquire,
Rupert Sumner Ryan, Esquire, and
David Oliver Watkins, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Speaker.

3. MR. SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the unavoidable absence of Mr. Deputy Speaker, Mr. Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to relieve him temporarily in the Chair.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for Financial Assistance in 1943–44 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
 - Mitcham, Victoria.
 - Newcastle, New South Wales.
 - North Adelaide, South Australia.
 - Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for relief dealt with during the year 1942–43.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Order—Aliens (Queensland curfew).
 - National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—Military powers during emergency (3).
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Air restrictions.
 - Cinematograph films censorship.
 - Control of—
 - Overseas postal communications.
 - Photography.
 - Traffic at ports.
 - Press and broadcasting censorship.

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National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Orders—

Prisoners of war (Pay arrangements) (No. 4).

Prisoners of war (Payment) (No. G.I.A. 1).

National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 29–31.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 237.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—National Memorials Ordinance—Determination regarding the nomenclature of public places in the Canberra City District, together with Plan (dated 23rd July, 1943).

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1942–43, together with Summary of Recommendations.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1943–44.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 29th September, 1943.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 29th September, 1943.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

6. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,380
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1943–44—Papers presented by the Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1943–44. Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 5.*

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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, and to repeal the *Tasmania Grant Act 1943*.

Canberra, 29th September, 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 sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, and to repeal the *Tasmania Grant Act 1943*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 13), was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Beasley 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.

Mr. Menzies (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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 3) 1943.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

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, 29th September, 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 13), was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Beasley 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.

Mr. Spender 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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Hughes be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

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

[*Supply Bill (No. 2) 1943-44*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

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-four* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th September, 1943.

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[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th September, 1943.

13. TIME 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past nine 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. Brennan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hadley, Sir Earle Page, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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