
 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 No. 8.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RELEASE OF ARMY PERSONNEL FOR RURAL WORK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing certain details of procedure regarding the recent decision of the Government to release 20,000 Army personnel by June next for relieving man power shortages in rural industries.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ADDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CANBERRA.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Additions to the Government Offices known as "West Block", Canberra.
Mr. Lazzarini having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Wool—Report of the Central Wool Committee for season 1942-43.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Fifteenth Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1943.
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1942.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
Cowra, New South Wales.
Evans Head, New South Wales.
Tea Gardens (Port Stephens), New South Wales.
Tocumwal, New South Wales.
Watsonia, Victoria.
Wodonga, Victoria.
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Asbestos cement sheets.
Manufacture of domestic furniture.
Use of land (3).
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1943—No. 10—Trustee.
Regulations—1943—No. 5 (Building and Services Ordinance).
War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 259.

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

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, 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.

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

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Pollard, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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