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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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. INTERSTATE TRAVEL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the interstate travelling of a party of schoolboys.
3. FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding food supplies for the United Kingdom, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 Food Supplies for the United Kingdom—Ministerial Statement—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Mr. Fadden 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1943-44, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Commonwealth purposes—Pittwater, New South Wales.
 Health purposes—Alice Springs, Northern Territory.
 National Security Act—National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order by State Premier—Queensland (dated 14th September, 1944).
 Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1943-44, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
5. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY BILL 1944.—Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Shipping) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve and give effect to an Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania with respect to the Production, for the purposes of Defence, of Ingot Aluminium, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1944-45.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Part I.—Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £1,940,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Part II.—Business Undertakings, £3,650,000"—

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £3,500,000"—be reduced by £1.

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

Debate ensued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Clark	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Chambers
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Vote further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth, £687,000"—debated and agreed to.

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1944-45, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £6,277,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Barnard 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.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1944-45.—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 Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1944-45, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £6,277,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Barnard 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.

8. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1944-45.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate that 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to two 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. Coles, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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