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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1944.

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. **MIGRATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to Australia's migration policy after the war.
3. **VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the reduced activities of the Volunteer Defence Corps resulting from the improvement in the war situation.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1943.
 National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 159, 160, 161, 162.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration.) Act—
 Ordinance—1944—No. 9—Industrial Board.
5. **UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION BILL 1944.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
 Debate resumed.
 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.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

6. **MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION BILL 1944.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

WINSTON DUGAN,

*Administrator.**Message No. 12.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration between the Commonwealth of Australia and certain other Nations and Authorities, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 19th September, 1944.

WINSTON DUGAN,

*Administrator.**Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Minister of State for External Affairs in a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration between the Commonwealth of Australia and certain other Nations and Authorities, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 19th September, 1944.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) moved the following motions—

(1) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration between the Commonwealth of Australia and certain other Nations and Authorities, and for other purposes.

(2) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Minister of State for External Affairs in a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration between the Commonwealth of Australia and certain other Nations and Authorities, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Motions agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The said Resolutions were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Evatt, by leave, were adopted by the House.

7. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, lines 13 and 14, omit " contribution, by the Commonwealth, referred to in paragraph one of Article V.", insert " contributions, by the Commonwealth, referred to in paragraph one of Article V. and in Article VI.".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

8. UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 27—
Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Evacuation of area.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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