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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 45.

TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1945.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. THE WAR—FURTHER AUSTRALIAN LANDINGS IN BORNEO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of a communique announcing further landings of the Australian Forces in the Borneo area.
4. CASE OF MRS. M. E. PEDVIN—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Anthony, by leave, made a Statement with reference to the case of Mrs. M. E. Pedvin, of Griffith, Australian Capital Territory.
Mr. Beasley (Vice-President of the Executive Council), by leave, also made a Statement with respect to the matter.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—
 - No. 31—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 32—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Customs Act—Customs Proclamations—Nos. 626, 627.
 - Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 68 (substitute copy), 81.
 - Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 85.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—Taking possession of land, &c. (24).
 - National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Order—Internment camp (No. 11).
 - National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Order—Prisoners of war camp (No. 14).
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 80, 82, 83, 84.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

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 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 Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Canberra, 11th June, 1945.

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 Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan 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.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1944-45.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

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 transmits to the House of Representatives Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 12th June, 1945.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 15 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 16, Government Business.
9. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1944-45.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
- Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1944-45 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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

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XIV.—Defence and War (1939-44) Services	20,000,000

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 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 Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1944-45, 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. Riordan 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, after debate.

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

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12. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1944-45.—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-five, 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.

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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1945-46.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

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 revenue be made for the purpose 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-six.

Canberra, 11th June, 1945.

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

14. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1945-46.—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 service of the year 1945-46 a sum not exceeding £55,557,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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) 1945-46.—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 1945-46, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £55,557,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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) 1945-46.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*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-six*”, 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.

17. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945.—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 38 agreed to.

Clause 39—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That after " Bank " (page 8, line 5) the words " which shall be provided with separate management, and with the necessary liaison to ensure a co-ordinated policy with the other departments of the Bank " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 40 agreed to.

Clause 41—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause " Provided that the maximum limit of the notes so issued shall be not greater than an amount approved by Parliament. "

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. Guy

Noes, 30.

Mr. Breen	Mr. James
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 42 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 43 to 45 agreed to.

Clause 46 debated and agreed to.

Clause 47—

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That after " issue " (page 9, line 15) the words " distinguishing between those held by other banks and those held by the public " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
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And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 48 to 54 agreed to.

Clause 55 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 56 and 57 agreed to.

Clause 58 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 59 to 61 agreed to.

Clause 62 debated and agreed to.

Clause 63 agreed to.

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Clause 64 debated and agreed to.

Clause 65 debated and agreed to.

Clause 66 debated and agreed to.

Clause 67—

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.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past 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. Barnard, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ryan, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. White, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.