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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 75.

FRIDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY—RELEASED PRISONER OF WAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the honorable Member for the Northern Territory (Mr. Blain) was amongst a group of Australian prisoners of war recovered from the Japanese.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Twelfth Report, 1945.
National Security Act—
National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order—Control of transport of racehorses by rail (No. 2)—Revocation.
National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Rules—Camp (6).
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until the next sitting.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1945-46.—The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 25.*

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-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney, 7th September, 1945.

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 26.*

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-six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Sydney, 7th September, 1945.

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

7. 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	£8,820
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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.

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8. PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—The Budget, 1945–46—Papers presented by the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1945–46.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL WELFARE FUND 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. 27.*

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 amend the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943*, and for other purposes.

Sydney, 7th September, 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 amend the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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. Harrison 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. CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BILL 1945.—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.)

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. Makin (Acting Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four 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. Blain*, Mr. Brennan*, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Haylen*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson*, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scully*, Mr. Spender, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

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