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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 85.

THURSDAY, 27TH 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. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—EIGHTH REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, relating to the broadcasting of Parliamentary debates, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
3. SERVICE WEAPONS—ALLEGED ILLICIT TRAFFIC—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for Munitions), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations of illicit traffic in service weapons made from parts secured from the Lithgow Small Arms Factory.
Mr. Anthony, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. PRISONERS OF WAR, BORNEO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the efforts being made to locate prisoners of war in Borneo.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 145.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1945-46.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—“Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces, £20,000,000”—agreed to.

Vote—“Other War Services, £44,549,000”—

Mr. Holt moved, That the Vote be considered by Departments.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Ordered—That the Vote be considered in two parts, viz.:—Divisions Nos. 191-205 and Divisions Nos. 206-225.

Divisions Nos. 191-205 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 206-225 debated—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That Divisions Nos. 207-210, Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £13,795,000, be reduced by £1.

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, 12.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Francis

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Hadley
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Breen	Mr. James
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehy

And so it was negatived.

Divisions Nos. 206–225 agreed to.

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,007,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £5,000,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £10,000,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"War (1914–18) Services, £929,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £2,120,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £20,899,000"—debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Vote agreed to.

Remainder of Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1945–46, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £202,246,000.

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

	£
Parliament	219,500
Prime Minister's Department	1,286,300
Department of External Affairs	260,500
Department of the Treasury	2,362,000
Attorney-General's Department	403,400
Department of the Interior	549,300
Department of Works and Housing	175,000
Department of Civil Aviation	717,000
Department of Trade and Customs	767,000
Department of Health	211,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	374,000
Department of Social Services	632,000
Department of Supply and Shipping	288,000
Department of External Territories	40,000
Department of Immigration	216,000
Defence and War (1939–45) Services—	£
Department of Defence	197,000
Department of the Navy	31,815,000
Department of the Army	174,757,000
Department of Air	86,208,000
Department of Munitions	7,432,000
Department of Aircraft Production	4,724,000
Department of Supply and Shipping	8,326,000
Department of Home Security	60,000
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces	20,000,000
Miscellaneous Credits	Cr. 25,000,000
Other War Services	44,549,000
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure	Cr. 20,000,000
Credits from Disposals Commission	Cr. 28,000,000
	305,068,000
Less Amount Chargeable to Loan Fund	152,106,000
	152,962,000

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Miscellaneous Services	1,007,000
Refunds of Revenue	5,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer	10,000,000
War (1914-18) Services	929,000
Total PART 1	178,399,000
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.	
Commonwealth Railways	2,120,000
Postmaster-General's Department	20,899,000
Total PART 2	23,019,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.	
Northern Territory	316,300
Australian Capital Territory	507,700
Norfolk Island	4,000
Total PART 3	828,000
TOTAL	202,246,000

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1945-46.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) 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 £146,689,000.

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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

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

9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1945-46.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) 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-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*", and moved, That it now be read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1945-46.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1945-46, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £8,640,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

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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. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1945-46.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1945-46, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £8,640,000.

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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

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

12. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1945-46.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) 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-six, 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. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. TUBERCULOSIS BILL 1945.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Health), for Mr. Clifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 6th September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide Financial Assistance to the States for use in connexion with Tuberculosis, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, 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.

14. WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), pursuant to leave given on the 6th September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to War Service Land Settlement*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. McDonald 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Haylen*, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Martens, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Scully*, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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