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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 138.

FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1946.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1946—No. 23—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of External Affairs—T. G. Glasheen.
 - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 126.
 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-second Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board for year 1945-46, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
3. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1946 47.—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. Martens reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 450), the Bill was read a third time.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1944-45.—The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 60.*

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 16th July, 1946.

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 61.*

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 16th July, 1946.

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

9th August, 1946.

5. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1944-45.—
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1944-45.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1944-45, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

Parliament	£	30,168
Prime Minister's Department		6,424
Department of External Affairs		4,282
Department of the Treasury		19,927
Attorney-General's Department		27,366
Department of the Interior		5,392
Department of Civil Aviation		45,808
Department of Trade and Customs		50,705
Department of Health		2
Department of Commerce and Agriculture		34,554
Department of Social Services		1,685
Department of Supply and Shipping		760
Department of External Territories		5,676
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—	£	
Department of Defence		670
Department of the Navy	}	15,402,508
Department of the Army		
Department of Air		
Department of Munitions		
Department of Aircraft Production		
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces		
Department of Supply and Shipping		2,006,583
Other War Services		5,614,083
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure		7,897,119
		30,920,963
<i>Less amount provided in Appropriation Act</i> <i>(No. 2) 1944-45</i>		20,000,000
		10,920,963
<i>Less amounts provided under other war</i> <i>votes which remained unexpended at</i> <i>close of year</i>		10,920,963
Miscellaneous Services		159,139
War (1914-18) Services		1,302
Total Part I.		393,190
<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>		
Commonwealth Railways		27,244
Postmaster-General's Department		987,216
Total Part II.		1,014,460
<i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>		
Northern Territory		11,887
Australian Capital Territory		27,848
Total Part III.		39,735
<i>Part V.—Relief to Primary Producers</i>		70,602
Total		1,517,987

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1944-45.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1944-45 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £476,117.
Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

9th August, 1946.

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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1944-45.—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 the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1944-45.

That, towards making good the further 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 £1,517,987.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1944-45.

That, towards making good the further 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 £476,117.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

7. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1944-45.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five* ”, 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.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1944-45.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, 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.

9. PETROL RATIONING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the negotiations the Government had conducted with the United Kingdom Government to ascertain whether the dollar position and the petrol supply position warranted the abolition of petrol rationing in Australia, and intimating that petrol rationing could not be abolished for the present.

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10. IMMIGRATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of further details of the Government's immigration arrangements.

Suspension of Sitting.—At seventeen minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1940, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

[*Bankruptcy Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act 1924-1945*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

[*Tuberculosis Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Tuberculosis Act 1945*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

[*Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for and in connexion with the Guardianship of certain Children from outside Australia*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

[*Forestry and Timber Bureau Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Forestry Bureau Act 1930-1944*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1946*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

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[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill 1946*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend sections eighty-nine and ninety of the ' Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1945 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Railway Standardization Agreement Bill 1946*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia in relation to the Standardization of certain Railways, to approve of the Raising of Loans for Defence purposes (namely, the Standardization of those Railways), and for other purposes '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Raw Cotton Bounty Bill 1946*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend section nine of the ' Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Wool Industry Fund Bill 1946*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to provide for the application of certain Funds vested in the Australian Wool Realization Commission '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supply Bill (No. 2) 1946-47*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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-seven '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1944-45*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1944-45*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th August, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

9th August, 1946.

12. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 21st August next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 21st August next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Russell, Mr. Spender, and Mr. Williams.

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

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MESSAGES FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND HIS DEPUTY.

The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General and His Deputy were received after the adjournment of the House on the 9th August, 1946.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Royal Highness has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 7th August, 1946.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1946*"

"*Wheat Export Charge Act 1946*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Royal Highness has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 9th August, 1946.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 64.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1946*"

"*Widows' Pensions Act 1946*"

"*Nationality Act (No. 2) 1946*"

"*Aliens Deportation Act 1946*"

"*Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act (No. 2) 1946*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Royal Highness has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 13th August, 1946.

J. NORTHCOTT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 65.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Income Tax Act 1946*"

"*Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1946*"

"*Social Services Contribution Act 1946*"

"*Atomic Energy (Control of Materials) Act 1946*"

"*Parliamentary Papers Act 1946*"

"*Meat Export Control Act 1946*"

"*Meat Industry Control Act 1946*"

"*Patents Act 1946*"

"*Australian Broadcasting Act 1946*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th August, 1946.

J. NORTHCOTT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 66.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Coal Industry Act 1946* ”
- “ *Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act 1946* ”
- “ *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1946* ”
- “ *Bankruptcy Act 1946* ”
- “ *Tuberculosis Act 1946* ”
- “ *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946* ”
- “ *Forestry and Timber Bureau Act 1946* ”
- “ *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1946* ”
- “ *Excise Tariff Validation Act 1946* ”
- “ *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1946* ”
- “ *Railway Standardization Agreement Act 1946* ”
- “ *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1946* ”
- “ *Wool Industry Fund Act 1946* ”
- “ *Supply Act (No. 2) 1946-47* ”
- “ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1944-45* ”
- “ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1944-45* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th August, 1946.