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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 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. JOINT DAIRYING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Government had constituted a Joint Dairying Industry Advisory Committee to inquire into the costs of production and other matters concerning the dairying industry.
3. RE-ESTABLISHMENT TRAINING FOR ELECTRICAL LINESMEN IN QUEENSLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the arrangements being made for the re-establishment training for electrical linesmen in Queensland.
4. IMMIGRATION POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Government's policy of immigration and reviewed the progress of the plans made to bring suitable migrants to Australia. Mr. Calwell then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Immigration—Government Policy—Fourth Ministerial Statement, 22nd November, 1946—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
*Point of Order.*—Mr. McEwen raised a Point of Order as to whether matters dealt with in the Statement could be properly discussed in the Budget debate should the debate on the motion for the printing of the Paper be adjourned and made an Order of the Day.  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that if the motion for the printing of the Paper is adjourned and the adjourned debate made an Order of the Day for a future time, matters covered by the Statement would be excluded from discussion during the Budget debate.  
*Point of Order.*—Mr. Lang raised a Point of Order as to whether the adjournment of the debate would prevent him from proceeding with his Notice of Motion.  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the Notice of Motion given by the honorable Member for Reid dealt with specific questions relating to immigration and could be moved at the appropriate time.  
Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 162, 163.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Commonwealth purposes—Sydney, New South Wales.  
Defence purposes—  
Winchelsea, Victoria.  
Woolloomooloo Bay, New South Wales.  
National Security Act—National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—  
1946, Nos. 44-48.  
Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 165.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1946.—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 recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing.

Canberra, 22nd November, 1946.

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. Lemmon (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Mr. Lemmon 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. Lemmon, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Lemmon 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. Lemmon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. White having been called upon to speak—

Mr. McEwen moved, That Mr. Fadden be now heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate ensued.

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. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,870
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Menzies, viz.:—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conclan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lawson\*, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Sheehy.

\* On leave.

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