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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 59.

TUESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1947.

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 (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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The circumstances attending the removal of Mr. Lush, the Delegate of the Treasurer for the State of New South Wales, and the charges subsequently made by him against the Administration".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hutchinson	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Trade Negotiations—Tariff Requests and Preferences—Schedules showing additional items in the Australian Tariff the subject of current international trade negotiations.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—
 No. 36—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 Nos. 37 and 38—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 39—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.
 Nos. 40-43—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 44—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.

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Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Labour and National Service—C. R. Airey, S. H. Solomon.
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 55.
 National Security Act—National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—War Damage Commission—Report for 1946.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1947—No. 2 (Juries Ordinance).

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1946-47.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

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

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

7. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1946-47.—The House, according to Order, 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 1946-47 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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

XX.—DEFENCE AND POST-WAR (1939-45) CHARGES—

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Division No. 196A.—International Post-war Relief and Rehabilitation ..	4,000,000
General Charges	14,000,000
	18,000,000

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1946-47.—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 1946-47, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £18,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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. Dedman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1946-47.—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-seven, 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. 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.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

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 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 War Pensions.

Canberra, 26th May, 1947.

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 War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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. Dedman 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1947-48.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

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 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-eight.

Canberra, 26th May, 1947.

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

12. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1947-48.—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 1947-48 a sum not exceeding £68,189,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1947-48.—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 1947-48, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £68,189,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

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The House resumed ; Mr. Clark 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. Dedman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1947-48.—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-eight* ”, 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.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (DROUGHT RELIEF) BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of making a Grant to the State of New South Wales for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Canberra, 26th May, 1947.

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. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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 the purpose of making a Grant to the State of New South Wales for the purpose of Drought Relief.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard 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.

16. UNITED KINGDOM GRANT BILL 1947.—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.

Mr. Beale 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And when the House, at two 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. Anthony, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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