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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Howse presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Calare, praying that no further steps should be taken by the Government towards the nationalization of the banking system without first seeking the authority of the Australian people.
Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Barker, praying that the House will maintain the present banking system unimpaired.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Evatt, Senator McKenna would act as Attorney-General and he would act as Minister for External Affairs. Mr. Holloway would represent the Acting Attorney-General in the House of Representatives.
4. 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.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—A. J. Chandler.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—R. W. Adsett, D. G. Anderson, D. S. Graham, E. R. Read, W. L. B. Reeve,
C. E. Tuttleby.
Health—K. S. McIntosh.
Medical Research Endowment Act—Report by National Health and Medical Research Council
on work done under the Act during 1946.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—
W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General. *Message No. 44.*
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-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Canberra, 18th September, 1947.
W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General. *Message No. 45.*
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-eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Canberra, 18th September, 1947.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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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.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £9,900

be agreed to.

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. PAPER. —Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1947-48—Papers presented by the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1947-48.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT 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. 46.

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 increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 18th September, 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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to increase the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices, and for other purposes.

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. 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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion and Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

11. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1946*.

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr. Holt 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.

12. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-1942*.

Question—put and passed.

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13. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 6th June, 1947*], viz. :—
Foreign Affairs—Statement by Minister for External Affairs, dated 6th June, 1947, together with related documents—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Beazley 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past three 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. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hughes, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Scully and Mr. Ward.

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