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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 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.—Petitions, 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, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Blain, from certain residents of New Guinea,
By Mr. Francis, from certain electors of the Division of Moreton,
By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond,
By Mr. Cameron, from certain electors of the State of South Australia, and
By Mr. Corser, from certain electors of the Division of Wide Bay.

Petitions severally received and read.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON BROADCASTING.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Broadcasting Act 1942-1946*, Senator Rankin has been appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th October, 1947.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—
Aluminium and Aluminium Alloys.
Bounty on Tractors.
Bounty on Wire Netting.
Brass and Steel Precision Rules.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Ross, Tasmania.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—
1947—

No. 7—Darwin Town Management.

No. 8—Aboriginals.

No. 9—Mining.

5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.).

Vote—"Northern Territory, £975,500"—

Vote—"Australian Capital Territory, £740,500"—

Vote—"Papua-New Guinea, £2,779,000"—

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past twelve o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

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

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Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) 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 1947-48, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £162,015,000.

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

| | £ |
|---|----------------|
| Parliament | 324,700 |
| Prime Minister's Department | 2,335,200 |
| Department of External Affairs | 1,032,000 |
| Department of the Treasury | 3,445,500 |
| Attorney-General's Department | 528,000 |
| Department of the Interior | 1,246,700 |
| Department of Works and Housing | 1,902,000 |
| Department of Civil Aviation | 3,821,000 |
| Department of Trade and Customs | 1,322,000 |
| Department of Health | 304,400 |
| Department of Commerce and Agriculture | 742,800 |
| Department of Social Services | 792,000 |
| Department of Supply and Shipping | 4,795,000 |
| Department of External Territories | 64,000 |
| Department of Immigration | 1,775,500 |
| Department of Labour and National Service | 1,178,300 |
| Department of Transport | 54,000 |
| Department of Information | 333,900 |
| Department of Post-war Reconstruction | 711,000 |
| Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges— | £ |
| Defence and Service Departments | 65,782,000 |
| Production Departments | 9,248,000 |
| Reciprocal Lend-Lease | 300,000 |
| Re-establishment and Repatriation | 30,959,000 |
| International Relief and Rehabilitation | 4,025,000 |
| Subsidies | 26,050,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,384,000 |
| Miscellaneous Credits | Cr. 32,000,000 |
| | 106,748,000 |
| Less Amount Chargeable to Loan Fund.. | 30,328,000 |
| | 76,420,000 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 4,774,000 |
| Refunds of Revenue | 10,000,000 |
| Advance to the Treasurer | 10,000,000 |
| War (1914-18) Services | 1,248,000 |
| | 129,150,000 |
| PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. | |
| Commonwealth Railways | 1,530,000 |
| Postmaster-General's Department | 26,836,000 |
| | 28,366,000 |
| PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. | |
| Northern Territory | 975,500 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 740,500 |
| Papua-New Guinea | 2,779,000 |
| Norfolk Island | 4,000 |
| | 4,499,000 |
| Total | 162,015,000 |

Question—put and passed.
Leave to be 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. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) 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 £93,826,000.

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. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

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

7. APPROPRIATION BILL 1947-48.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) 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-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At three o'clock p.m., the Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to four 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. Beale, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Spender.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.