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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 83.

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 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. 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. Davidson, from certain electors of the Division of Capricornia,
  - By Mr. Cameron, from certain electors of the State of South Australia,
  - By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond, and
  - By Mr. Corser, from certain electors of the Division of Wide Bay.
 Petitions severally received and read.
3. 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.
4. DEPARTMENTAL OVERPAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCES—REFUNDS BY BANKS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chambers (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the system prevailing for the refunding by banks of amounts overpaid to members of the Forces.
5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page 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 urgent need of a concerted Federal and State policy that will increase the production of milk and other dairy products to ensure the health of the nation by maintaining regular and continuous supplies of milk to women; children and invalids, and relieve the pressure of the dollar position on our national economy by increasing our exports of dairy products".  
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—Sir Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.

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Mr. Francis moved, That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Davidson	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

*Closure moved.*—Mr. Corser moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Dame Enid Lyons		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—Addendum to Determination No. 72 of 1947—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia, and others.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works and Housing—B. E. C. Brinkley, P. W. Cann, B. Clegg, D. M. Collie, J. A. Corbet, M. J. Dabourne, E. K. Denton, J. B. Donaldson, L. Fenton, G. A. Morrison, M. S. G. Newton, T. E. Robinson, C. L. Sommer, J. C. Thomas, M. A. Utting.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Defence purposes—Woolloomooloo, New South Wales.  
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Mascot, New South Wales.  
Postal purposes—Hastings, Victoria.

7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 15th October, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1936–1946’, as amended by the ‘Income Tax Assessment Act 1947’, and for other purposes*”, 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. 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.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL (No. 2) 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. 48.

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 amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920-1938*, as amended by the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1947*.

Canberra, 10th October, 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 (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920-1938*, as amended by the *Parliamentary Allowances Act 1947*.

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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) 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. 49.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifth-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, 3rd October, 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. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) 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. Riordan 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. 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.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRACTOR BOUNTY 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. 50.

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 amend the *Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1944*.

Canberra, 21st October, 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 representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1944*.

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. Dedman 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. Ryan 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 15 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 16, Government Business.

12. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) 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.

13. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates considered by Parts.

Vote—"Part I.—Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £19,297,000"—debated.

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.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ceased.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.