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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 84.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND 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. 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. VISIT ABROAD OF SENATOR AMOUR—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to allegations made concerning Senator Amour's conduct while representing Australia abroad.  
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.  
Mr. Abbott making a personal explanation—  
*Closure of Member moved.*—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Mr. Abbott continued.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—M. J. O'Brien, B. A. J. Scoles.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

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

Vote—"Part II.—Business Undertakings, £8,442,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth, £2,228,000"—agreed to.

Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1947-48, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £29,967,000.

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.

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.

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7. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1947-48, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £29,967,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy 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. Lemmon, was adopted by the House.

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

8. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1947-48.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) 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, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., 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. Lemmon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

9. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL 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.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

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| Mr. Barnard    | Mr. Lang        |
| Mr. Beazley    | Mr. Langtry     |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. Lawson      |
| Mr. Burke      | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Calwell    | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Chambers   | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Chifley    | Mr. Muleahy     |
| Mr. Clark      | Mr. O'Connor    |
| Mr. Conelan    | Mr. Pollard     |
| Mr. Daly       | Mr. Riordan     |
| Mr. Dedman     | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Drakeford  | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Duthie     | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Edmonds    | Mr. Thompson    |
| Mr. Falstein   | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Fraser     | Mr. Watkins     |
| Mr. Hadley     |                 |
| Mr. Haylen     | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Holloway   | Mr. Fuller      |
| Mr. Johnson    | Mr. Sheehan     |

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| Mr. Abbott    | Mr. Hutchinson  |
| Mr. Adermann  | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Anthony   | Mr. McBride     |
| Mr. Bowden    | Mr. Menzies     |
| Mr. Cameron   | Mr. Rankin      |
| Mr. Davidson  | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden    | Mr. Spender     |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Turnbull    |
| Mr. Francis   | Mr. White       |
| Mr. Hamilton  |                 |
| Mr. Harrison  | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Holt      | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Howse     | Mr. McDonald    |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 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.

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Scullin.

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