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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 142.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1948.

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. TERMINATION OF WAR-TIME CONTROLS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the intention of the Government to relinquish the administration of the controls over rent, prices and land sales.
3. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT—FINAL ACT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Havana, November, 1947—March, 1948—Final Act and Related Documents—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Commonwealth War-time Controls—Copy of Communication addressed by the Prime Minister to each of the State Premiers, stating the Commonwealth Government's intentions regarding the control of Rents, Prices, Land Sales, Rationing and Subsidies.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 64.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Postmaster-General—M. L. Mundy.  
Works and Housing—F. J. Buchanan, J. H. Utting, P. R. Windsor.  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 65.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 63.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Representation of the Australian Capital Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Johnson 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given on the 9th June, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain employees of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1946-47.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 82.

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 1st June, 1948.

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 83.

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., for the year ended 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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Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

9. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1946-47.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1946-47.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1946-47, for the several services hereunder specified, viz.:—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

Parliament .. .. .	£	22,019
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .		103,918
Department of External Affairs .. .. .		145,832
Department of the Treasury .. .. .		163,755
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .		22,700
Department of the Interior .. .. .		16,997
Department of Works and Housing .. .. .		102,060
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .		40,218
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .		88,153
Department of Health .. .. .		4,232
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .		74,020
Department of Social Services .. .. .		14,377
Department of Supply and Shipping .. .. .		22,541
Department of External Territories .. .. .		2,707
Department of Immigration .. .. .		7,744
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .		623
Department of Transport .. .. .		..
Department of Information .. .. .		6,737
Department of Post-war Reconstruction .. .. .		..
Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges—	£	..
Defence and Service Departments .. .. .		9,225,446
Production Departments .. .. .		1,452,102
Reciprocal Lend-Lease .. .. .		5,718
Re-establishment and Repatriation .. .. .		43,738
Lend-Lease Settlement .. .. .		398,340
Subsidies .. .. .		8,217,654
Miscellaneous .. .. .		753,587
Miscellaneous Credits .. .. .	Cr.	1,010,502
		<hr/> 19,086,083
Less amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1946-47 .. .. .		14,000,000
		<hr/> 5,086,083
Less amounts provided under other war votes which remained unexpended at close of year .. .. .		5,086,083
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Miscellaneous Services .. .. .		3,227,308
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .		1,091,128
War (1914-18) Services .. .. .		329,915
		<hr/> Total Part I. .. .. .
		5,486,984

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<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>						£
Commonwealth Railways	..	..	..	..	..	35,028
Postmaster-General's Department	..	..	..	..	..	1,240,031
Total Part II.						1,275,059
<i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>						
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..	80,137
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	63,602
Papua-New Guinea	..	..	..	..	..	148,357
Total Part III.						292,096
Total						7,054,139

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1946-47.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1946-47 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £617,678.  
 Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.  
 Resolutions 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.  
 Mr. Dedman 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, were adopted by the House.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 9 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11, Government Business.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1946-47.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1946-47.

That, towards making good the further 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 £7,054,139.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1946-47.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1946-47, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £617,678.

Debate ensued.

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

Resolutions 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

12. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1946-47.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven* ”, 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.  
 Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
13. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1946-47.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, 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. 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.

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14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1948-49.—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.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1948.

Debate continued.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.  
 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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.  
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.  
 Schedule—  
 "Parliament, £126,910"—agreed to.  
 "Prime Minister's Department, £972,810"—agreed to.  
 "Department of External Affairs, £382,430"—debated.  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Langtry, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

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