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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 126.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT SITTING.—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. REPRESENTATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Representation Act 1948*.
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.
Mr. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy 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. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Johnson, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

4. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) 1949.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1948*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1949*, and for other purposes.
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.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Repatriation—M. F. Stephens.
Supply and Development—J. N. Casey, J. O. Cuthbert, W. J. Perry, C. E. Prichard,
J. H. Rattigan, D. M. Traves.
Works and Housing—A. J. G. Stevenson.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Adelaide, South Australia.
Postal purposes—Rock Park, Victoria.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1949—No. 6—Supply (No. 2) 1949-50.
6. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) declared—
(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature;
(b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions; and
(c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.
Question—That the Estimates be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. O'Connor	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Pollard	Mr. McBride	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows:—

(1) Estimates—

Department of the Interior	} until 6 p.m., this day.
Department of Works and Housing	
Department of Civil Aviation	
Department of Trade and Customs	} until 9.30 p.m., this day.
Department of Health	
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	
Department of Social Services	} until 11 p.m., this day.
Department of Supply and Development	
Department of Shipping and Fuel	
Department of External Territories	} until 12.45 p.m., Wednesday, 12th October.
Department of Immigration	
Department of Labour and National Service	
Department of Transport	} until 4.30 p.m., Wednesday, 12th October.
Department of Information	
Department of Post-war Reconstruction	
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	} until 9 p.m., Wednesday, 12th October.
Defence Services—		
Department of Defence	
Department of the Navy	
Department of the Army	
Department of Air	} until 4.45 p.m., Thursday, 13th October.
Department of Supply and Development	
Miscellaneous Services	
Refunds of Revenue	} until 10.30 p.m., Wednesday, 12th October.
Advance to the Treasurer	
War (1914–18) Services	
War (1939–45) Services	} until 5.45 p.m., Thursday, 13th October.
Commonwealth Railways	
Postmaster-General's Department	
Broadcasting Services	} until 6 p.m., Thursday, 13th October.
Northern Territory	
Australian Capital Territory	
Papua–New Guinea	
Norfolk Island	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	

(2) Appropriation Bill—All stages

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1949–50.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £1,695,000"—further considered and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Works and Housing, £1,700,000"—debated and agreed to.

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Vote—"Department of Civil Aviation, £5,367,000"—debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m., the Deputy Chairman (Mr. Burke) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

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

Vote—"Department of Trade and Customs, £1,750,000"—

Vote—"Department of Health, £547,000"—

Vote—"Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £908,000"—
considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) 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.

Vote—"Department of Social Services, £976,000"—

Vote—"Department of Supply and Development, £1,292,000"—

Vote—"Department of Shipping and Fuel, £810,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At eleven o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) 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.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Abbott, Mr. Beale, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender, Mr. Ward and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.