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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 128.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1948-49.
 - Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 74.
 - Australian Capital Territory Representation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 73.
 - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 75.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Order—No. 3443.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Glenthompson, Victoria.
 - National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1948-49.
 - Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1949—No. 2—Coroners (Validation).
 - Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 72.
 - Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 71.
3. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
 - Question—That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
 - Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—“ Commonwealth Railways, £2,277,000 ”—

Vote—“ Postmaster-General's Department, £38,338,000 ”—

Vote—“ Broadcasting Services, £2,915,000 ”—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to five 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 Votes had expired—

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

Vote—“ Northern Territory, £1,395,000 ”—

Vote—“ Australian Capital Territory, £1,127,500 ”—

Vote—“ Papua-New Guinea, £3,634,000 ”—

Vote—“ Norfolk Island, £4,500 ”—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to 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 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 sum already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1949–50, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £164,152,000.

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

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Parliament	374,000
Prime Minister's Department	1,157,000
Department of External Affairs	1,005,000
Department of the Treasury	4,398,000
Attorney-General's Department	665,000
Department of the Interior	1,695,000
Department of Works and Housing	1,700,000
Department of Civil Aviation	5,367,000
Department of Trade and Customs	1,750,000
Department of Health	547,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	908,000
Department of Social Services	976,000
Department of Supply and Development	1,292,000
Department of Shipping and Fuel	810,000
Department of External Territories	78,000
Department of Immigration	613,000
Department of Labour and National Service	1,396,000
Department of Transport	149,000
Department of Information	339,000
Department of Post-war Reconstruction	848,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	1,942,000
Defence Services—	£
Department of Defence	315,000
Department of the Navy	13,077,000
Department of the Army	14,104,000
Department of Air	11,166,000
Department of Supply and Development	5,575,000
	44,237,000
Miscellaneous Services	12,573,000
Refunds of Revenue	12,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer	10,000,000
War (1914–18) Services	1,691,000
War (1939–45) Services	40,951,000
Less Amount chargeable to Loan Fund	35,000,000
	5,951,000
Total PART 1	114,461,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	2,277,000
Postmaster-General's Department	38,338,000
Broadcasting Services	2,915,000
Total PART 2	43,530,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	1,395,000
Australian Capital Territory	1,127,500
Papua-New Guinea	3,634,000
Norfolk Island	4,500
Total PART 3	6,161,000
TOTAL	164,152,000

Question—put and passed.
Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke 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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5. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1949-50.—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 1949-50, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £92,594,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke 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. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL 1949-50.—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 fifty, 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.

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. Burke reported accordingly.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

8. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Francis 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. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) declared—

(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure are of an urgent nature ;

(b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill are Urgent Resolutions ; and

(c) That the Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill is an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure are of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill, be as follows :—

(1) Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure—

Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth	until 10.45 p.m., this day.
Part II.—Business Undertakings	} until 12.15 p.m., Friday, 14th October.
Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	} until 12.30 p.m., Friday, 14th October.
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	

(2) Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill—All stages .. .

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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(In the Committee.)

Estimates considered by Parts.

Vote—"Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £50,954,000"—debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to eleven 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.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Daly	Mr. Thompson	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Duthie			
Mr. Evatt	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Watkins.

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