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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRISONERS OF WAR—SPECIAL SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Prisoners of War, 1939-45—Report of Committee appointed to investigate question of payment of special subsistence allowance.
Mr. Menzies then, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the conclusions of the Committee and the proposals of the Government, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Prisoners of War, 1939-45—Special Subsistence Allowance—Report of Committee and Proposals of the Government—Ministerial Statement.
Mr. Menzies then moved, That the Report and the Statement be printed.
Mr. Haylen 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.
3. COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—SEVENTEENTH REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper :—
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Seventeenth Report, 1950—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Chifley (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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Darwin (Dame Enid Lyons), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
5. BASIC WAGE CASE—COURT'S DECISION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration to increase the basic wage.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—C. A. Gordon.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1949-50, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

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7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Calwell proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The action of the present Government in abandoning the programme of the Chifley Government for the creation of six television stations in Australia, and deciding instead to erect one only; and for doing other things designed to delay the introduction of television to Australia”—
- Mr. Deputy Speaker 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—
- Mr. Calwell moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.
- Debate ensued.
- Ordered—That Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Several Members rising to address the House—
- Closure.—Mr. Davidson moved, That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.
- The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

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Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Handby	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Brown	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Graham	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

8. GENERAL BUSINESS.—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., General Business was not called on.
9. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th September 1950*], viz. :—
- International Affairs—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 27th September, 1950—be printed—
- Debate resumed.
- Ordered—That Mr. Robertson be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered—That Mr. Thompson be granted an extension of time.
- Ordered—That Mr. Swartz be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Mr. Bryson 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.
10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
- Repatriation—R. H. Brent.
- Trade and Customs—A. E. A. Weaver.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1950-51.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 12th October, 1950.

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W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

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 Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works and Other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, 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.

12. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£13,900
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. PAPERS.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget 1950–51—Papers presented by the Right Honorable A. W. Fadden, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1950–51.

National Income and Expenditure 1949–50.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the introduction of resolutions and Bills consequent on the Budget and motions for the first and second reading of such Bills.

Question—put and passed.

15. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1949*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Evatt 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.

16. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX AND WOOL SALES DEDUCTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved—

SALES TAX.

(1.) That, on and after the thirteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, in lieu of the sales tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1949*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1949* and the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1949*, sales tax be imposed at the following rates, but otherwise in accordance with the provisions of those Acts:—

(a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act—10 per centum;

(b) in respect of goods covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act—25 per centum;

(c) in respect of goods covered by the Fourth Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act—33½ per centum; and

(d) in respect of goods not covered by the Second, Third or Fourth Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable—8½ per centum.

(2.) That, for the purposes of the foregoing resolution, “the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act” mean the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1949* as proposed to be amended by the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1950*.

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WOOL SALES DEDUCTION.

1. That a producer be liable to pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to one-fifth of the sale value of wool produced by him and, on or after the twenty-eighth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, sold or otherwise disposed of by him otherwise than for delivery out of Australia.
 2. That a producer be liable to pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to one-fifth of the appraised value of wool produced by him and, on or after the twenty-eighth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, exported by him.
 3. That the foregoing resolutions do not apply in relation to wool produced in the Northern Territory of Australia.
 4. That expressions used in these resolutions have the same meanings as they have in the *Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Bill 1950*.
 5. That the Acts passed to give effect to these resolutions be expressed to continue in force until a date to be fixed by Proclamation but not in any event after the *Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act 1950* ceases to be in force.
- Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1950–51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1950–51 a sum not exceeding £61,189,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1950–51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1950–51, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £61,189,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

19. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1950–51.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Evatt 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.

20. SUPPLY—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1950–51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1950–51, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a sum not exceeding £18,592,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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21. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year 1950-51, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £18,592,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

22. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Chifley (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.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 17.

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 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, 12th October, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (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. Ryan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey and Sir Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Casey 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.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra, 12th October, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

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Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Sir Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chifley (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.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Canberra, 12th October, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chifley (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.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

Canberra, 12th October, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Mr. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Chifley (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.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 21.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 12th October, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) 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 and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Fadden 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. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Chifley (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.

28. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Dean, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Spender and Mr. B. M. Wight.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGGAR,

Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.