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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. OPENING OF NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS, WESTMINSTER—MESSAGE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be asked to convey the following Message to the Right Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons:—

“ We, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to offer our affectionate greetings and good wishes to the Right Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Commons on the occasion of the opening of their reconstructed and historic House. In peace and in war the voice of freedom has for centuries spoken from Westminster to all the sons and brothers of the race wherever they might be. May that voice be heard for ever.”.

And Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) having spoken in support of the motion—
 And Mr. Deputy Speaker having addressed the House in similar terms—
 Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Callide Coal—Production and Marketing—Statement by Treasurer, Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport and Minister for Supply.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 66.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Labour and National Service—L. L. Forbes, V. C. Routley.
 Supply—C. L. Alchin, B. H. Arndt, D. R. L. Callow, I. B. Campbell, J. J. Charles,
 D. P. Melrose, J. D. Robinson.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 57, 64.
 Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 63.
 Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 62.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1949-50.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,
 Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Communist Party Dissolution Act 1950* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
 Canberra, 20th October, 1950.
5. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—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.

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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. Ryan reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £13,900

be agreed to.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) be allowed to continue his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Casey (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave, That Mr. Menzies be allowed to speak without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kent Hughes, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. E. H. D. Russell and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.