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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE—MESSAGE FROM THE DANISH PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following message from the President and the Speaker in the Danish Parliament :—

“ On the day of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the first meeting of the Federal Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia we, on behalf of the Danish Parliament, send our warmest congratulations and good wishes. May the future of the Commonwealth of Australia, where so many people of Danish descent are living, be peaceful and prosperous. May the bonds of descent and of democratic ideals that unite our people grow ever stronger as the years roll by.”

 Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That this House thanks the President of the Danish Senate and the Speaker of the Danish House of Commons most sincerely for their message of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commonwealth Parliament and reciprocates their expressions of goodwill. It is our earnest hope that the bonds of friendship between our countries will continue to be strengthened.
 Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.
 Question—put and passed.
3. COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE—MESSAGE FROM THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following Message from the Speakers in the Swedish Parliament :—

“ On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and in commemoration of the opening of the First Parliament in 1901 we beg, on behalf of the Swedish Parliament, to extend our congratulations and sincerest felicitations.”

 Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That this House thanks the Speakers of the First and Second Chambers of the Swedish Parliament most sincerely for their congratulations and felicitations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commonwealth Constitution and most heartily reciprocates their expressions of goodwill.
 Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.
 Question—put and passed.
4. VISITORS TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker announced that persons visiting Parliament House were not required to pay any admission fee to enter the building and that the levying or collecting of any such fee by persons either outside or inside the building was forbidden.
5. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—Mr. Evatt informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition and of the Federal Parliamentary Labour Party and that Mr. Calwell had been appointed Deputy Leader.
 Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) and Sir Arthur Fadden (Leader of the Australian Country Party) congratulated Mr. Evatt and Mr. Calwell.
 Mr. Evatt acknowledged the congratulations.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Bankruptcy Act—Twenty-second Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1950.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—L. A. W. Holmes.
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and Designs (2).
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
 Civil Aviation purposes—
 Horn Island, Queensland.
 Machan's Beach, Cairns, Queensland.
 Defence purposes—
 Lowood, Queensland.

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Postal purposes—

Danbulla, Queensland.
Mt. Gravatt, Queensland.
Petrie, Queensland.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1951—

No. 8—Superannuation (No. 2).
No. 9—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) (No. 2).
No. 10—New Guinea Land Titles Restoration.
No. 11—Claims by and against the Administration.
No. 12—Post and Telegraph (Papua).
No. 13—Native Land Registration.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Postmaster-General—H. F. Alexander, R. D. Beebe, G. A. Bond, A. E. Borg, A. L. Bowron, J. P. Burton, R. W. Chenery, W. E. Claxton, R. G. Crampton, O. H. Critchley, G. F. Cusworth, J. T. Davison, G. A. Dobbins, J. G. Donovan, L. J. Dunne, T. W. Fisher, D. J. Harding, L. A. Ives, R. W. Johnson, R. G. Kitchenn, G. H. Knight, A. E. Leita, H. Luson, J. M. Manning, S. J. Mayo, A. B. Metcalfe, F. J. Millane, K. Neal, K. C. Newham, K. Nowicki, D. A. Pender, P. W. Seymour, J. N. Smith, V. J. Straford, N. C. Watson, F. A. Wentworth, J. Wernicke, A. W. Westmore, K. J. White, J. W. Wilby, M. F. J. Wilkins, E. Wilkinson, M. H. Winson.

Works and Housing—J. T. Nielsen, A. S. Reiher, V. A. Tolcher.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—

No. 49—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 50—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
No. 51—Australian Workers' Union.
No. 52—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
Nos. 53-55—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
Nos. 56, 57—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
No. 58—Arbitration Court Registrars' Association.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Eggins moved, That Mr. Adermann be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan.
Mr. Ward moved, That Mr. Clark be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Calwell.
There being no further proposal—
Debate ensued.
The House accordingly proceeded to ballot : and the ballot being concluded, Mr. Speaker reported the result, as follows :—
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| Mr. Adermann | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65 votes. |
| Mr. Clark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 48 votes. |
- Mr. Adermann was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) congratulated Mr. Adermann, who made his acknowledgments to the House.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the taking of all necessary steps for the introduction and passing through all stages without delay of a Supply Bill, Supply (Works and Services) Bill, States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) Bill, Appropriation Bill, Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill, Supplementary Appropriation Bill, Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill, Loan Bill, War Pensions Appropriation Bill and a Commonwealth Bank Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
9. SUPPLY.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 purpose of 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-two.

Canberra, 15th June, 1951.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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12. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1951-52 a sum not exceeding £120,154,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

13. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1951-52, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £120,154,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—Sir Arthur 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-two* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 purpose of 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-two, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Canberra, 15th June, 1951.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

16. SUPPLY—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1951-52, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a sum not exceeding £21,687,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

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17. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Sir Arthur 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 1951-52, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £21,687,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

18. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1951-52.—Sir Arthur 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-two, 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.

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1951.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

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.

Canberra, 13th June, 1951.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Sir Arthur 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur 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.

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

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 Additional Estimates of 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, 15th June, 1951.

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W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

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 Additional 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.

Canberra, 15th June, 1951.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

21. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.—
The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1950-51.

That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1950-51 for the services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Department of the Treasury	793,000
Department of the Interior	208,000
Department of Works and Housing	547,000
Department of Civil Aviation	1,479,000
Department of Trade and Customs	365,000
Department of Social Services	362,000
Department of Immigration	100,000
Department of Labour and National Service	285,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	267,000
Defence Services	16,155,000
Miscellaneous Services	5,686,000
War (1914-18) Services	611,000
War (1939-45) Services	3,187,000
	30,045,000
Less provision in <i>Appropriation Act</i> 1950-51 for Salary Increases under Awards of Public Service Arbitrator (Division No. 44K)	2,500,000
Total PART 1	27,545,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	140,000
Postmaster-General's Department	6,323,000
Total PART 2	6,463,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Australian Capital Territory	236,000
Total PART 3	236,000
TOTAL	34,244,000

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.

That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1950-51, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, as specified hereunder, viz. :—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Department of Works and Housing	750,000
Department of Civil Aviation	390,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	460,000
Department of Immigration	750,000
Total PART 1	2,350,000

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PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.							
Commonwealth Railways	111,000
Postmaster-General's Department	8,607,000
Total PART 2							8,718,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.							
Northern Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	200,000
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	200,000
Total PART 3							400,000
TOTAL							11,468,000

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

22. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1950-51.

That, towards making good the Additional 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 £34,244,000.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.

That, towards making good the Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1950-51, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £11,468,000.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

23. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional 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 to appropriate that sum ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

24. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1950-51.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional 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 to appropriate that sum ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.—LOAN BILL 1951.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

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, 15th June, 1951,

20th June, 1951.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur 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.

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1951.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

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, 15th June, 1951.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur 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.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur 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.

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 fifty and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

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 and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 15th June, 1951.

20th June, 1951.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

28. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1949-50.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1949-50, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Parliament	24,856
Prime Minister's Department	279,680
Department of External Affairs	141,030
Department of the Treasury	251,817
Attorney-General's Department	51,147
Department of the Interior	284,465
Department of Works and Housing	39,843
Department of Civil Aviation	1,153,130
Department of Trade and Customs	133,306
Department of Health	22,126
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	63,368
Department of Social Services	285,407
Department of Supply and Development	327,203
Department of Shipping and Fuel	193,021
Department of External Territories	10,455
Department of Immigration	206,975
Department of Labour and National Service	279,020
Department of Information	42
Department of National Development	187,485
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	13,398
Defence Services	1,900,183
Miscellaneous Services	860,930
War (1914-18) Services	245,090
War (1939-45) Services—	£
Defence Services	4,353,480
War Gratuity	508,890
Department of Repatriation	82,190
War Service Homes Division	47,418
Department of Post-war Reconstruction	374,077
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces	11,979
Subsidies	395,695
Miscellaneous	149,483
Miscellaneous Credits	Cr.1,648,318
	4,274,894
Less amount chargeable to Loan Fund—	£
Read	25,483,273
In lieu of	35,000,000
	Dr.9,516,727
	13,791,621
Less amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1949-50	11,803,000
	1,988,621
Less amounts provided under votes which remain unexpended at close of year	1,988,621
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Total PART I.	6,953,977
PART II.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.	
Commonwealth Railways	75,743
Postmaster-General's Department	3,051,599
Less amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1949-50	3,000,000
	51,599
Broadcasting Services	58,433
Total PART II.	185,775

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PART III.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.							£
Northern Territory	61,450
Australian Capital Territory	127,726
Papua and New Guinea	..	..	..	..	..	..	115,278
Total PART III.							304,454
TOTAL							7,444,206

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.

That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1949-50, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a further sum not exceeding £2,490,894.

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

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

29. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1949-50.

That, towards making good the further 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 £7,444,206.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year 1949-50, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £2,490,894.

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

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

30. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1949-50.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intitled “*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 fifty*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

31. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1949-50.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intitled “*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 fifty, 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.

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

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz., the President of the Senate (Senator Mattner), and Senators Arnold and Maher.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th June, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

20th June, 1951.

33. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Graham 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.

34. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to 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. Anderson, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Nelson and Mr. T. W. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.