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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT.—Mr. Clark (for the Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Standing Committee of Privileges :—  
Report relating to a statement appearing in the Sydney newspaper *Daily Telegraph* of the 18th October, 1951, concerning a decision of the Joint House Committee, together with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1951-52.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## Defence Services—

- Vote—" Department of Defence, £611,000 "—  
Vote—" Department of the Navy, £34,444,000 "—  
Vote—" Department of the Army, £47,411,000 "—  
Vote—" Department of Air, £48,446,000 "—  
Vote—" Department of Supply, £43,066,000 "—  
Vote—" Department of Defence Production, £7,725,000 "—

considered together.

Votes further debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the Chairman 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—" Miscellaneous Services, £28,463,000 "—  
Vote—" Refunds of Revenue, £12,000,000 "—  
Vote—" Advance to the Treasurer, £15,000,000 "—  
Vote—" Subsidies, £30,415,000 "—  
Vote—" War and Repatriation Services, £15,680,000 "—

considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., the Chairman 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—" Commonwealth Railways, £3,510,000 "—  
Vote—" Postmaster-General's Department, £60,568,000 "—  
Vote—" Broadcasting Services, £3,949,000 "—

considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At five o'clock p.m., the Chairman 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, £2,091,000 "—  
Vote—" Australian Capital Territory, £1,616,000 "—  
Vote—" Papua and New Guinea, £5,571,700 "—  
Vote—" Norfolk Island, £15,300 "—

considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

8th November, 1951.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1951-52, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £400,930,000.

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

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Parliament .. .. .	593,000
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	1,917,000
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	1,568,000
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	6,311,000
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	976,000
Department of the Interior .. .. .	2,724,000
Department of Works and Housing .. .. .	2,064,000
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	9,564,000
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	2,760,000
Department of Health .. .. .	864,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	1,341,000
Department of Social Services .. .. .	2,021,000
Department of Shipping and Transport .. .. .	893,000
Department of Territories .. .. .	156,000
Department of Immigration .. .. .	1,029,000
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .	1,681,000
Department of National Development .. .. .	1,076,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization .. .. .	2,810,000
Defence Services—	£
Department of Defence .. .. .	611,000
Department of the Navy .. .. .	34,444,000
Department of the Army .. .. .	47,411,000
Department of Air .. .. .	48,446,000
Department of Supply .. .. .	43,066,000
Department of Defence Production .. .. .	7,725,000
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	181,703,000
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	28,463,000
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	12,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer .. .. .	15,000,000
Subsidies .. .. .	30,415,000
War and Repatriation Services .. .. .	15,680,000
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Total PART 1 .. .. .	323,609,000
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PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.	
Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	3,510,000
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	60,568,000
Broadcasting Services .. .. .	3,949,000
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Total PART 2 .. .. .	68,027,000
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PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.	
Northern Territory .. .. .	2,091,000
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	1,616,000
Papua and New Guinea .. .. .	5,571,700
Norfolk Island .. .. .	15,300
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Total PART 3 .. .. .	9,294,000
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TOTAL .. .. .	400,930,000
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Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

5. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1951-52.—The House, according to Order, 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 £212,716,000.

8th November, 1951.

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 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. Townley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL 1951-52.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) 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-two, 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.

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

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

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1951-52.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Closure.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

		AYES, 49.		
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley	
		NOES, 39.		
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Estimates be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1951-52, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a sum not exceeding £98,848,000.

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.

Mr. Kent Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

8. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1951-52.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works and Housing) 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 £49,130,000.

8th November, 1951.

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 Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

9. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1951-52.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works and Housing) 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-two, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure 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. Kent Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

10. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL (No. 2) 1951.—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.

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

Mr. 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Loan (Housing) Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th November, 1951.

[*Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1950, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th November, 1951.

[*Loan (War Service Land Settlement) Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th November, 1951.

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[*Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1950 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

[*Wool Sales Deduction Legislation Repeal Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to repeal the ‘ Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act 1950 ’, the ‘ Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950 ’ and the ‘ Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 2) 1950 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Land Tax Assessment Act 1910–1950 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8th November, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past 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. Beale, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Downer, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Howse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Wilson.

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