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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 71.

TUESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1952.

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. REPRESENTATIVES OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES—REFERENCES TO IN QUESTIONS AND DEBATE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would not allow questions to be asked concerning the activities, character or antecedents of representatives in Australia of countries in amity with Her Majesty and stated that no reflection could be cast on these representatives in debate. The practice to be followed would be based on that declared in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 15th ed., page 438.
3. PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the nature of the appointment of four honorable Members as Parliamentary Under-Secretaries, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Parliamentary Under-Secretaries—Ministerial Statement.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement concerning the matter.
Mr. Calwell moved, by leave, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Calwell was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian National University Act—Final Report of Interim Council, for period 1st January, 1950 to 30th June, 1951.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Narrogin, Western Australia.
Defence purposes—Bullsbrook, Western Australia.
Postal purposes—
Carrawigara, South Australia.
Hamilton, Victoria.
Lowan Vale, South Australia.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority purposes—Cooma, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence Production—A. G. Jones, R. Pendlebury, R. J. Taylor, F. L. Wiegard, R. E. Willian.
Health—P. L. Bazeley.
National Development—M. A. Reynolds.
Supply—G. E. Barlow, D. Barnsley, B. S. Deegan, J. M. R. Frost, B. T. Gilroy, H. J. Higgs, R. G. Keats, M. S. Kirkpatrick, G. Lee, R. A. Leslie, P. V. Moran, R. J. Rockliff, A. Sharpe, K. D. Thomson, P. M. Twiss, R. H. Whitten, A. R. W. Wilson.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1952—
No. 11—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
No. 12—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
No. 13—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 14—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
No. 15—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
No. 16—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
No. 17—Australian Workers' Union.
No. 18—Australian Workers' Union and Boilermakers' Society of Australia.
No. 19—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 20—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.
No. 21—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
No. 22—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.
No. 23—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

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- No. 24—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 No. 25—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 Nos. 26 and 27—Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 28—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division) and Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia.
 No. 29—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemem.
 No. 30—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 31—Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia.
 No. 32—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 33—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.
 No. 34—Actors and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.
 No. 35—Musicians' Union of Australia.
 No. 36—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY 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. 62.

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-one and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

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-one, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 27th May, 1952.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1950-51.

That the following further sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1950-51, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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

	£
Parliament	91,485
Prime Minister's Department	275,033
Department of External Affairs	123,067
Department of the Treasury	195,515
Attorney-General's Department	180,390
Department of the Interior	215,189
Department of Works and Housing	482,262
Department of Civil Aviation	279,163
Department of Trade and Customs	88,186
Department of Health	77,147
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	129,850
Department of Social Services	16,583
Department of Supply	40,841
Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport	148,052
Department of External Territories	29,893
Department of Immigration	75,105
Department of Labour and National Service	101,924
Department of National Development	35,066
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	41,734
Defence Services	4,542,491
Miscellaneous Services	1,034,843
War (1914-18) Services	22,629
War (1939-45) Services	380,069
Total Part I.	8,606,517

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PART II.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.		£
Commonwealth Railways		158,162
	£	
Postmaster-General's Department	5,614,787	
<i>Less</i> amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1950-51	5,614,787	
Broadcasting Services		302,372
Total Part II.		460,534
PART III.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.		
Northern Territory		245,266
Australian Capital Territory		255,616
Papua and New Guinea		28,896
Total Part III.		529,778
Total		9,596,829

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.

That there be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1950-51, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a further sum not exceeding £2,853,295.

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.
Sir Arthur Fadden 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 14, Government Business.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1950-51.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1950-51, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £9,596,829.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1950-51.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her 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 £2,853,295.

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.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1950-51.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *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-one* ”, 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.
10. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1950-51.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *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-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.

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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.

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF PAPER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That the questions raised in the House by Mr. Speaker on the 13th May concerning the printing of the Financial Statement presented by the Treasurer, be referred to the Printing Committee for consideration and report.
Question—put and passed.
12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1952–53.—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 Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 314) the Bill was read a third time.

13. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1952–53.—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—
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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 314) the Bill was read a third time.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1951–52.—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—
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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 316) the Bill was read a third time.

15. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1951–52.—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—
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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 316) the Bill was read a third time.

16. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1952.—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—
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 (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 317) the Bill was read a third time.

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

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—
WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY, 1952.

Debate continued.

Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anderson, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Joske, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Treloar, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

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