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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 86.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 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. MEMBER FOR DARLING DOWNS—TELEGRAMS TO MR. SPEAKER AND NEWSPAPER STATEMENTS.—Mr. Speaker, having asked if the honorable Member for Darling Downs (Mr. Swartz) was in his place, and the honorable Member not being present, informed the House that he had received a telegram couched in unparliamentary terms purporting to come from the honorable Member. Mr. Speaker then laid upon the Table two telegrams dated, respectively, 23rd and 26th August, 1952, together with the following newspapers:—
Courier-Mail, Brisbane, 6th and 16th August, 1952 ;
Brisbane Telegraph, Brisbane, 23rd August, 1952 ;
Age, Melbourne, 25th August, 1952 ;
Argus, Melbourne, 25th August, 1952 ; and
Sun, Melbourne, 25th August, 1952.
 Mr. Speaker stated that, if the honorable Member for Darling Downs was the author of the telegrams and statements contained in the newspapers, he must conclude that the honorable Member had engaged in a campaign of deliberate opposition to the Chair and the authority which he exercised in Parliament House. He asked the House to take notice of the matter.
 Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), addressed the House with reference to Mr. Speaker's statement.
3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 17, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—
The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 17, I do hereby nominate—
 John McLeay, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

4. PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER AND APPROVAL OF CONTENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Constitutional and Parliamentary position of honorable Members appointed 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, 27th August, 1952.
 Mr. Menzies then, by leave, moved, That the Paper be printed and that the House approves its contents.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Mullens rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
 Question—That the question be now put—put.
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Dean			Mr. Timson	

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NOES, 46.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Creamean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—
Order—Inventions and designs.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—

Newington, New South Wales.

Tamworth, New South Wales.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1952—

No. 12—Fees (Surcharge) 1951.

No. 13—Survey Marks 1951.

No. 14—Building (Papua) 1951.

No. 15—Jury (New Guinea) 1951.

No. 16—Shipping (No. 2) 1951.

No. 17—War Deaths Registration 1951.

No. 18—Lost Registers 1951.

No. 19—Customs (General Import Duty) Ordinance Repeal 1951.

No. 20—Ordinances Revision (No. 2) 1951.

No. 21—Native Economic Development 1951.

No. 22—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Papua) 1951.

No. 23—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (New Guinea) 1951.

No. 24—Legitimation 1951.

No. 25—Street Closing 1951.

No. 26—Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) 1951.

No. 27—Succession Duties 1951.

No. 28—Probate and Administration 1951.

No. 29—Testator's Family Maintenance 1951.

No. 30—Treasury 1951.

No. 31—Administrative Districts (No. 2) 1951.

No. 32—Town Boundaries (New Guinea) 1951.

No. 33—Real Property. 1951

No. 34—Land Registration 1951.

No. 35—Cacao 1951.

No. 36—Evidence and Discovery (Papua) 1951.

No. 37—Evidence (New Guinea) 1951.

No. 38—Police Offences (Papua) 1951.

No. 39—Police Offences (New Guinea) 1951.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Health—W. R. Horsfall.

National Development—H. S. Taylor-Rogers.

Repatriation—J. H. Smith.

Shipping and Transport—W. B. P. England, S. W. Thomas, E. W. Whish.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES FOR DEFENCE SERVICES 1952-53 [No. 2].—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 76.

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 Defence Services for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in lieu of the estimates transmitted on the sixth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 26th August, 1952.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message, together with the accompanying Estimates, be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

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, 26th August, 1952.

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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 78.

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 make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents.

Canberra, 26th August, 1952.

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 make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents.

27th August, 1952.

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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 Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Anthony 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL WELFARE FUND BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

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 amend the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943-1950*.

Canberra, 26th August, 1952.

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 amend the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943-1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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 Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Kent Hughes 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.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 80.

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, 26th August, 1952.

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.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) 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.

27th August, 1952.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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.

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

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

Mr. Calwell 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 81.

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 for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.

Canberra, 26th August, 1952.

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.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) 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 for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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.

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

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

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.

12. OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1952.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), for Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Earle Page 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 Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Calwell 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.

13. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1952-53.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £718,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £2,016,000"—debated.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

27th and 28th August, 1952.

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

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Clarey be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Peters addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1952.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean			Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

Noes, 19.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Treloar.

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