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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 93.

TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 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. FIRE AT IMMIGRATION CENTRE, SOMERS, VICTORIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Acting Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that five young migrant children had lost their lives in a fire which had occurred at the Immigration Centre at Somers, Victoria. Mr. Beale stated that an inquiry was being held into the circumstances of the fire and, on behalf of the House, expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved parents.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Mount Nebo, New South Wales.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1952—
No. 28—Crown Lands (No. 2).
No. 29—Darwin Town Area Leases.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—M. R. Edgley.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1952—
No. 55—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 56—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 58—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1952-53.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

Mr. Bruce rising to address the Committee—

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

AYES, 51.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Townley	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Mulcahy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

That, including the sum already voted for such services, there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100,003,000 for the service of the year 1952-53, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz. :—

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

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Parliament	50,000
Prime Minister's Department	1,152,000
Department of External Affairs	256,000
Department of the Treasury	180,000
Attorney-General's Department	65,000
Department of the Interior	2,254,000
Department of Works	1,005,000
Department of Civil Aviation	6,700,000
Department of Trade and Customs	128,000
Department of Health	1,562,000
Repatriation Department	415,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	184,000
Department of Social Services	28,072,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	2,909,000
Department of Territories	20,000
Department of Immigration	2,770,000
Department of Labour and National Service	24,000
Department of National Development	15,180,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	348,000
Total PART 1	63,274,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	3,000,000
Postmaster-General's Department	27,966,000
Broadcasting Services	251,000
Total PART 2	31,217,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	1,722,000
Australian Capital Territory	3,752,000
Papua and New Guinea	38,000
Total PART 3	5,512,000
TOTAL	100,003,000

Question—put and passed.
Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden 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 Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1952-53.—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 Her Majesty for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year 1952-53, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £63,499,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden 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.

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6. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1952-53.—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-three, 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.

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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

7. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. A. D. Fraser 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. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Pollard 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. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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—

Debate resumed by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—
“ the Bill should be redrafted so as to provide for further reductions of the burdens of the sales tax proposed to be retained with a view to increasing employment and lessening unemployment in the trades and industries directly affected by the incidence of the tax ”.

Debate continued.

Mr. Davidson 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Failes, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McBride, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.