

1954.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1954.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 15th February last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND.—Mr. Speaker reported that, on the 16th February last, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited upon Her Majesty the Queen at Government House, and had presented to her the Address in Reply to Her Majesty's Speech on the Opening of the Third Session of the Twentieth Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 15th February, and, that Her Majesty had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I thank you for your Address.

Would you please convey to all Honorable Members my appreciation of the kind and loyal sentiments to which the Address gives expression, and say too that both my husband and I are most grateful for their kindly references to our visit to Australia.

ELIZABETH R.

16th February, 1954.

3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE KING O'MALLEY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 20th December last, of the Honorable King O'Malley, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable King O'Malley, who was at the time of his death a former Member of this House for the Division of Darwin and former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.

And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

4. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Sir Eric Harrison, Senator Spooner (Minister for National Development) would act as Minister for Defence Production and would be represented in the House of Representatives by Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), and that the Minister for Trade and Customs would be represented in the House by Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service).

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports—

Circuit Breakers or Switch Units for use at voltages of 1,000 or over.

Titanium Oxide and Titanium White.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—First Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for the period ended 30th June, 1953, and a Supplementary Statement by the Minister.

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 13—Faculties and Faculty Boards.

No. 14—Staff Superannuation.

No. 15—Convocation Amendment No. 2.

Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 14.

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- Commonwealth Bank Act—  
 Appointment Certificate—A. G. M. White.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 9.
- Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 19.
- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 17.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 21.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, Nos. 10, 16.
- Dairying Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 15.
- Defence Act—Royal Military College—Annual Report for 1952.
- Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (11).
- Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 23.
- Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 22.
- Explosives Act—Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.
- Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 11.
- Lands Acquisition Act—  
 Land, &c., acquired for—  
 Australian Stevedoring Industry Board purposes—Gladstone, Queensland.
- Defence purposes—
- Blacksmith, New South Wales.
  - Broken Hill, New South Wales.
  - Cairns (Edge Hill), Queensland.
  - Denman, New South Wales.
  - Fishermen's Bend, Victoria.
  - Glenbrook, New South Wales.
  - Greenbank, Queensland.
  - Rockbank, Victoria.
  - Williamstown, New South Wales.
  - Williamstown (Boat Harbour), New South Wales.
  - Windsor, New South Wales.
- Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
- Broken Hill, New South Wales.
  - Cairns, Queensland.
  - Eagle Farm (Brisbane), Queensland.
  - Eagle Farm (Brisbane Airport), Queensland.
  - Maryborough, Queensland.
  - Mascot, New South Wales.
  - Moree, New South Wales.
  - Moruya, New South Wales.
- Postal purposes—
- Cobboco, New South Wales.
  - Cobdogla, South Australia.
  - Frankston, Victoria.
  - Gol Gol, New South Wales.
  - Huonville, Tasmania.
  - Keerong, New South Wales.
  - Macksville, New South Wales.
  - Meningie East, South Australia.
  - Miller's Creek, New South Wales.
  - Terka, South Australia.
  - Tulla, New South Wales.
  - Valla, New South Wales.
  - Wakool, New South Wales.
  - Warrnambool, Victoria (2).
- Stirling North to Leigh Creek North Coalfield Railway purposes—  
 Port Augusta, South Australia.
- Return of land disposed of under Section 63.
- Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 24.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 13.
- Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1954—  
 No. 1 (Brands and Marks Ordinance).  
 No. 2 (Census Ordinance).
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinances—1953—  
 No. 22—Mining (No. 3).  
 No. 23—Hospitals and Medical Services.  
 No. 24—Wards' Employment.  
 No. 25—Workmen's Compensation.  
 No. 26—Licensing (No. 2).  
 No. 27—Special Purposes Leases.
- Regulations—  
 1953—No. 14 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).  
 1954—No. 1 (Encouragement of Primary Production Ordinance).

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Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1953—

- No. 1—Probate and Administration.
- No. 5—Animals and Birds Protection (No. 2).
- No. 12—Ordinances Revision.
- No. 14—Ordinances Interpretation (No. 2).
- No. 22—Poisons and Dangerous Substances.
- No. 23—Aliens.
- No. 24—War Surplus Material.
- No. 25—Customs.
- No. 27—Volcanic and Seismic Disturbances.
- No. 29—Sale of Meat.
- No. 32—Ordinances Interpretation.
- No. 33—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua) Ordinance Amendment.
- No. 34—Health (Papua).
- No. 36—Testator's Family Maintenance.
- No. 37—Probate and Administration.
- No. 38—Public Holidays.
- No. 39—Workers' Compensation.
- No. 40—Housing Loans.
- No. 41—Excise (Beer) Tariff.
- No. 44—Seamen (Unemployment Indemnity).
- No. 48—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea).
- No. 49—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua).
- No. 50—Customs Tariff Surcharge.
- No. 51—Customs Tariff (Papua).
- No. 52—Customs Tariff (New Guinea).
- No. 58—Aliens.
- No. 59—Native Labour.
- No. 60—Customs (Cocoa Export) Tariff.
- No. 61—Customs (Rubber Export) Tariff.
- No. 62—Native Apprenticeship.
- No. 63—Customs (Rubber Export) Tariff Ordinance Amendment.
- No. 67—Stamp Duties.
- No. 68—Motor Traffic.
- No. 73—Fire Prevention.
- No. 74—Instruments.
- No. 75—Extradition (New Guinea).
- No. 78—Land (New Guinea).
- No. 81—Stamp Duties (No. 2).
- No. 87—Instruments (No. 2).

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 18.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 20.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—G. F. Gilfelt, H. S. Quinn.

Civil Aviation—A. D. Y. Allison, K. G. Beetson, J. W. Chamberlain, L. S. Chesterfield, W. E. Court, M. L. Doube, E. Felmingham, B. E. Hack, J. R. Hahn, L. J. Hart, N. G. Hatcher, F. E. Heggie, A. J. A. Pierce, M. J. Russ, S. W. Sambell, E. G. Shelton, J. M. Simpson, I. S. Smith, H. W. Snartt, F. H. Staton, C. D. Walker, R. J. West, M. R. Weston.

Defence—H. A. Critchell.

Health—A. R. Docking, P. A. Wills.

Interior—T. M. Austin, H. J. Belson.

Repatriation—A. J. T. Aram, A. H. Campbell, A. J. K. Dawborn, J. M. Lawrence, A. Madden.

Shipping and Transport—D. McKay, H. B. Rayson.

Supply—A. S. Bennett, U. M. Burns, E. R. A. Landers, A. R. Warwick.

Trade and Customs—F. H. Youden.

Works—B. J. Byrnes, F. C. W. Salmon.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 12.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1954—

- No. 6—Australian Journalists' Association.
- No. 7—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 8—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
- No. 9—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others.
- No. 10—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 11—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1954—

No. 6—Careless Use of Fire.

No. 7—Liquor.

No. 8—Aborigines Welfare.

Regulations—1954—No. 2 (Police Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1949–50.

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6. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant nominating Temporary Chairmen 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—

George James Bowden, Esquire,  
Thomas Patrick Burke, Esquire,  
John McLeay, Esquire,  
Albert Victor Thompson, Esquire,  
Thomas Frank Timson, Esquire, and  
David Oliver Watkins, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this sixth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
Speaker.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT OF PREVIOUS SESSION.—Mr. Wilson (Chairman) brought up the First Report of the previous session from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts for the year 1952–53.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—

Annual Report by the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, for year ended 30th September, 1953.

Annual Report by Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for year ended 7th October, 1953.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1952–53.

Papua—Report for year 1951–52.

War Gratuity Act—Report of the Central War Gratuity Board on the Administration of the Act.

K. CAMERON WILSON,  
Chairman.

3rd December, 1953.

Mr. Wilson moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent—

(a) the introduction and motions for the second reading of the following Bills :—

Supply (No. 1) 1954–55, Supply (Works and Services) (No. 1) 1954–55, Appropriation (No. 2) 1953–54, Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1953–54, Supplementary Appropriation 1952–53, Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) 1952–53, War Pensions Appropriation, Stevedoring Industry Charge, Loan (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development), Loan (Swiss Francs), Superannuation, Transferred Officers' Allowances, Defence Forces Retirement Benefits, Aluminium Industry, States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production); and

(b) the introduction and passing through all stages without delay of the following Customs Tariff Bills :—

Customs Tariff, Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference), Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference), Customs Tariff (No. 2).

Question—put and passed.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1953, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals No. 1 and Customs Tariff Proposals No. 2 introduced into the House of Representatives on the fifteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the seventh day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1953 as so amended.

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2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.</b>			
179. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) (a) Outdoor circuit breakers— (1) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000 but not exceeding 15,000 if the rated breaking capacity is 500 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 15,000 but not exceeding 38,500 if the rated breaking capacity is 1,500 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 38,500 - - - ad val. (2) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000 but not exceeding 15,000 if the rated breaking capacity is lower than 250 MVA - - - - - ad val. (3) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000, other - - - - - ad val. (b) Switch units, circuit breakers other than outdoor circuit breakers— (1) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000 but not exceeding 2,500 if the rated breaking capacity is 150 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 2,500 but not exceeding 4,500 if the rated breaking capacity is 250 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 4,500 but not exceeding 10,000 if the rated breaking capacity is 350 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 10,000 but not exceeding 15,000 if the rated breaking capacity is 500 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 15,000 but not exceeding 25,000 if the rated breaking capacity is 350 MVA or higher ; for use at voltages exceeding 25,000 - - - - - ad val. (2) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000 but not exceeding 2,500 if the rated breaking capacity is lower than 150 MVA ; for use at voltages exceeding 2,500 but not exceeding 15,000 if the rated breaking capacity is lower than 250 MVA - - - - - ad val. (3) For use at voltages exceeding 1,000, other - - - - - ad val. By omitting from sub-item (B) the words— “For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this sub-item k.v.a. shall be determined as prescribed by Departmental By-law.”	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
	22½ per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
	22½ per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
	22½ per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.
	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.”
<b>DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.</b>			
231. By adding to sub-item (E) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Titanium oxide ; titanium white - - - per ton	£28	£48	£56 ”

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Progress 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.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1954-55 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 1) 1954-55.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. SLIM,  
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-five.

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W. J. SLIM,  
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 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-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

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

11. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1954-55 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 1) 1954-55.—  
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.)

SUPPLY.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £151,002,000 for or towards the services of the year 1954-55.

Question—put and passed.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £31,128,000 for or towards the services of the year 1954-55 for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Question—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.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1954-55 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 1) 1954-55.—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 :—

SUPPLY.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1954-55, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £151,002,000.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1954-55 for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £31,128,000.

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. McMahon do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

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13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1954-55.—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-five* ”, 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. 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.
14. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1954-55.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also 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-five, 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. 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.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1953-54.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia—

- (a) 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-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and
- (b) the Governor-General further recommends to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1953 and known as the Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account, of such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

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W. J. SLIM,

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

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

16. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £32,548,000 for the services of the year 1953-54, viz. :—

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

	£
Parliament . . . . .	17,000
Prime Minister's Department . . . . .	26,000
Department of the Treasury . . . . .	78,000
Department of the Interior . . . . .	28,000
Department of Works . . . . .	248,000
Department of Civil Aviation . . . . .	226,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture . . . . .	33,000
Defence Services . . . . .	13,668,000
Miscellaneous Services . . . . .	628,000
Refunds of Revenue . . . . .	3,000,000
Bounties and Subsidies . . . . .	28,000
War and Repatriation Services . . . . .	8,806,000
Total PART 1 . . . . .	26,786,000

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PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.						£
Commonwealth Railways	..	..	..	..	..	131,000
Broadcasting Services	..	..	..	..	..	15,000
Total PART 2						146,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.						
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..	94,000
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	522,000
Total PART 3						616,000
PART 4.—PAYMENTS TO OR FOR THE STATES.						
Commonwealth Aid Roads	..	..	..	..	..	5,000,000
TOTAL						32,548,000

Question—put and passed.

DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That, in addition, there be granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1953–54, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1953 and known as the Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account, such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Question—put and passed.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £2,008,000 for the services of the year 1953–54 for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz. :—

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

						£
Parliament	..	..	..	..	..	15,000
Department of the Treasury	..	..	..	..	..	8,000
Department of the Interior	..	..	..	..	..	166,000
Department of Works	..	..	..	..	..	80,000
Department of Civil Aviation	..	..	..	..	..	1,000,000
Department of Trade and Customs	..	..	..	..	..	34,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	..	..	..	..	..	100,000
Department of Social Services	..	..	..	..	..	10,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	..	..	..	..	..	150,000
Department of Immigration	..	..	..	..	..	153,000
Total PART 1						1,716,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Postmaster-General's Department	..	..	..	..	..	1,000
Total PART 2						1,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..	55,000
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	236,000
Total PART 3						291,000
TOTAL						2,008,000

Question—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.

17. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1953–54.—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 three motions :—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953–54, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £32,548,000,



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## DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953-54, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1953 and known as the Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953-54, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £2,008,000.

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. McMahon do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

18. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1953-54.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply additional sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and to appropriate those sums* ”, 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. 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.

19. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1953-54.—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-four, 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. 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.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1952-53.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. SLIM,  
*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 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-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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W. J. SLIM,  
*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 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-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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

21. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1952-53.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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*(In the Committee.)*

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

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £13,177,842 for the services of the year 1952-53, viz. :—

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

	£
Parliament .. .. .	17,874
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	42,077
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	52,069
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	239,680
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	73,459
Department of the Interior .. .. .	32,215
Department of Works .. .. .	185,188
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	29,775
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	3,973
Department of Health .. .. .	..
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	81,553
Department of Social Services .. .. .	111,142
Department of Shipping and Transport .. .. .	4,234
Department of Territories .. .. .	4,205
Department of Immigration .. .. .	..
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .	1,667
Department of National Development .. .. .	15,728
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization .. .. .	33,267
Australian Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	5,778
	£
Defence Services .. .. .	5,380,984
Less amounts provided under votes which remained unexpended at close of year .. .. .	5,380,984
	..
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	1,401,655
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	8,718,072
Subsidies .. .. .	24,004
War and Repatriation Services .. .. .	899,284
	..
Total PART 1 .. .. .	11,976,899
	..
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.	
Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	19,468
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	698,352
Broadcasting Services .. .. .	96,915
	..
Total PART 2 .. .. .	814,735
	..
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.	
Northern Territory .. .. .	111,646
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	204,130
Territory of Papua and New Guinea .. .. .	70,432
	..
Total PART 3 .. .. .	386,208
	..
TOTAL .. .. .	13,177,842

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £1,035,415 for the services of the year 1952-53 for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz. :—

	£
Part 1.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth .. .. .	674,065
Part 2.—Business Undertakings .. .. .	335,503
Part 3.—Territories of the Commonwealth .. .. .	25,847
	..
Total .. .. .	1,035,415

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.

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22. **WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1952-53.**—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.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1952-53, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £13,177,842.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1952-53, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £1,035,415.

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 Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

23. **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1952-53.**—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-three* ”, 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. 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.

24. **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1952-53.**—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-three, 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. 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.

25. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1954.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,  
*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 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.

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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 Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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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. 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.

26. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1954.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947-1952*.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 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. 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.

27. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1954.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1952*, and for other purposes.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 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. 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.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRANSFERRED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCES BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,  
*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 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 *Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948-1951*.

Canberra, 6th April, 1954.

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 *Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948-1951*.  
 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 Sir Philip McBride 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. 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.

29. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1954.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1953*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Philip McBride 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 Philip McBride moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Chambers 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.

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30. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 10.*

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 *Aluminium Industry Act 1944-1952*.

Canberra, 6th April, 1954.

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. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aluminium Industry Act 1944-1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. Beale and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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. STATES GRANTS (ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEAT PRODUCTION) BILL 1954.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for Works) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Encouragement of Meat Production) Act 1949*.

Question—put and passed.

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. 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.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 11.*

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 authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 6th April, 1954.

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 than an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a Loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

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. Holt 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.

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Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (SWISS FRANCS) BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Swiss Currency, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 6th April, 1954.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve the Raising of a Loan in Swiss Currency, and for purposes connected therewith.

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. Holt 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.

34. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 AND 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Customs Tariff Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) (pages 5–10), Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment (pages 10–11), Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment (page 11) moved on the 15th February, 1954, and Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) (Entry No. 9) moved this day were, by leave, taken together.

Debate ensued.

Motions agreed to.

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 Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt and Mr. Kent Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

35. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1954.—Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Holt 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. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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36. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1954.—Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1952’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Holt 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. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

37. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1954.—Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1953’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Holt 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. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

38. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1954.—Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Holt 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. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

39. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Drummond, Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Watkins.

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