

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1954.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for Department of Civil Aviation purposes at St. Marys, New South Wales.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—R. Clark.
3. MANUFACTURE OF AIRCRAFT PARTS BY CHRYSLER AUSTRALIA LIMITED—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Minister for Defence Production), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
(1) Technical Report on charges made by the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. C. R. Cameron) against Chrysler Australia Limited in relation to aircraft production in the aircraft division of that company, and
(2) Addendum to the Technical Report on charges made by the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. C. R. Cameron) against Chrysler Australia Limited in relation to "Canberra" bomber components—
and moved, That the Papers be printed.
Ordered—That Sir Eric Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. C. R. Cameron be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Pollard rising to address the House—
Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison 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, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Lawrence

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Papers be printed—was put accordingly, and negatived.

4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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5. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1954.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1953*.

Question—put and passed.

6. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1954.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1953*.

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, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

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, 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.

Canberra, 25th August, 1954.

Ordered—That the 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.

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. McMahon 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

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 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 purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

Canberra, 25th August, 1954.

Ordered—That the 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 purpose of Financial Assistance to the States.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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Question—put and passed.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider foreign affairs generally and, in particular, to inquire into matters referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
- (2) That twelve Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
- (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions ;
 - (b) the Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members ; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine ;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ;
 - (d) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the Committee otherwise directs ;
 - (e) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee ;
 - (f) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported ; except that in the case of matters not referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall not submit a report to the Minister nor inform the Parliament accordingly without the Minister's consent. Provided the Opposition is represented on the Committee, copies of the Committee's reports to the Minister for External Affairs shall be forwarded to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information ;
 - (g) subject to the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers or records ; and, subject to paragraph 4 (d), all evidence submitted to the Committee shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee ;
 - (h) the Senate be asked to appoint seven of its Members to serve on such Committee.
- (5) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

11. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£20,000
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be agreed to.

Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Robertson.

* On leave.

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