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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 65.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at twenty-five minutes to three o'clock p.m.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Social Services Act—Report by Director-General of Social Services for year 1955–56.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1955–56, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of the Army purposes—Charters Towers, Queensland.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works—J. P. Haydon, K. T. Satins, K. V. Wylie.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1956—
 No. 78—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
 No. 89—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.
 No. 91—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Australia.
 No. 92—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 93—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen and Australian Workers' Union.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1956—No. 9 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—
 28th September, 1956—*Message No. 46*—
 Broadcasting and Television (No. 2) 1956.
 Post and Telegraph Rates 1956.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1955–56.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth :—
 J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator. *Message No. 47.*
 In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 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-six and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
 Canberra, 28th September, 1956.

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J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 48.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 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-six and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 28th September, 1956.

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

5. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £6,811,266 for the services of the year 1955-56, viz. :—

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

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Parliament	70,437
Prime Minister's Department	65,076
Department of External Affairs	27,941
Department of the Treasury	34,574
Attorney-General's Department	74,401
Department of the Interior	98,421
Department of Works	37
Department of Civil Aviation
Department of Customs and Excise	7,379
Department of Health	5,506
Department of Trade	25,279
Department of Primary Industry	44,842
Department of Social Services	7,521
Department of Shipping and Transport	11,724
Department of Territories	2,170
Department of Immigration	17,459
Department of Labour and National Service
Department of National Development	53,046
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	12,286
Australian Atomic Energy Commission	57,508
Defence Services	2,517,697
Miscellaneous Services	83,493
War and Repatriation Services	440,406
TOTAL PART 1	3,657,203

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	34,801
Postmaster-General's Department	2,852,016
Broadcasting Services	171,633
TOTAL PART 2	3,058,450

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	57,434
Australian Capital Territory	30,199
Papua and New Guinea	367
TOTAL PART 3	88,000

PART 4.—PAYMENTS TO OR FOR THE STATES	7,613
TOTAL	6,811,266

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £456,353 for the services of the year 1955-56 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	£ 132,423
Part 2.—Business Undertakings	56,383
Part 3.—Territories of the Commonwealth	267,547
TOTAL	456,353

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Sir Arthur Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1955-56, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £6,811,266.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1955-56, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £456,353.

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

7. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1955-56.—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-six* ”, 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. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1955-56.—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-six, 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1956-57.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Department of the Interior, £4,334,000 "—
 Vote—" Department of Works, £3,134,000 "—
 Vote—" Department of Civil Aviation, £8,747,000 "—
 Vote—" Department of Customs and Excise, £3,922,000 "—
 Vote—" Department of Health, £1,516,000 "—
 considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) having been called upon to speak—

Mr. Daly moved, That the honorable Member for Grayndler be now heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 26.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cope	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Costa	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam	

NOES, 52.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
				Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Limitation of Debate.—It then being eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman called the attention of the

Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past 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. Anthony, Mr. Aston, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Galvin, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan* and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.