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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 71.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence abroad of Mr. McEwen, Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) would act as Minister for Trade.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Thirty-sixth Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1955-56.
 - Commonwealth Railways Act—Report for year 1955-56.
 - Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (5).
 - Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (5).
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Yulecart, Victoria.
 - Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 64.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Customs and Excise—K. H. Kottek.
 - Defence Production—W. A. McMahon, G. L. Moore.
 - Supply—M. Dilli, D. M. J. Lock, F. J. Mentha, N. E. L. Rossiter, D. J. Whitford.
 - Works—K. Blokman, J. Chmiel, J. H. E. Hough, M. Juppenlatz, J. H. W. Permezel.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1956—
 - No. 98—Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 99—Musicians' Union of Australia.
 - No. 100—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Australia.
 - Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, Nos. 65, 66.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1956.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth :—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Administrator.

Message No. 53.

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 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 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. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) 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.

Mr. Cameron 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.

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

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

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

5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1956–57.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) 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 £108,238,000 for the services of the year 1956–57, 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.

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Parliament	30,000
Prime Minister's Department	597,000
Department of External Affairs	187,000
Department of the Treasury	241,000
Attorney-General's Department	369,000
Department of the Interior	2,090,000
Department of Works	974,000
Department of Civil Aviation	5,657,000
Department of Customs and Excise	91,000
Department of Health	510,000
Department of Repatriation	220,000
Department of Trade	81,000
Department of Primary Industry	9,000
Department of Social Services	231,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	1,880,000
Department of Territories	1,000
Department of Immigration	288,000
Department of Labour and National Service	30,000
Department of National Development	48,119,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	280,000
Australian Atomic Energy Commission	2,436,000
Total PART 1	64,321,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	1,925,000
Postmaster-General's Department	30,727,000
Broadcasting and Television Services	2,474,000
Total PART 2	35,126,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	3,366,000
Australian Capital Territory	5,330,000
Papua and New Guinea	33,000
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	62,000
Total PART 3	8,791,000
TOTAL	108,238,000

Question—put and passed.
Leave to be 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.

Mr. Fairhall 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. Fairhall the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1956-57.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1956-57, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £76,163,000.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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. Fairhall, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fairhall and Mr. Beale do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1956-57.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Works) 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-seven, 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.

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

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1955-56.—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—

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. Fairhall (Minister for Works), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1955-56.—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—

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. Fairhall (Minister for Works), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1956.—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.

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. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. 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 six 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. Brand, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Osborne, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Riordan*, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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