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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 98.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Sir Frederick Stewart, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, standing in his name.
3. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Makin, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, standing in his name.
4. EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the importance of increasing the number of women employed in war and civil industries and regulating the conditions of their employment. Mr. Curtin also informed the House of the proposals of the Government to meet the changed situation caused by the recent disallowance of regulations for the employment of women.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
 - For Defence purposes—
 - Alexandria, New South Wales.
 - Ballarat, Victoria.
 - For Postal purposes—Cammeray, New South Wales.
6. BLACK MARKETING BILL 1942.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention of Black Marketing. Question—put and passed. Mr. Evatt 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. Evatt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Francis, for Mr. Fadden (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.
7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1942-43.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Defence and War (1939-42) Services, £123,749,000"—further debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1942.

Debate continued.

Vote agreed to.

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

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1942-43, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £164,138,000.

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PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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Parliament	164,000
Prime Minister's Department	838,500
Department of External Affairs	161,400
Department of the Treasury	1,616,000
Attorney-General's Department	295,800
Department of the Interior	542,600
Defence and War (1939-42) Services—	
Department of Defence	£ 255,000
Department of the Navy	
Department of the Army	
Department of Air	415,679,000
Department of Munitions	
Department of Aircraft Production	
Department of Supply and Development	5,500,000
Department of Home Security	3,000,000
Other War Services	7,126,000
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure	Cr. 8,000,000
	423,560,000
Less Amount Chargeable to Loan Fund	299,811,000
	123,749,000
Department of Civil Aviation	360,000
Department of Trade and Customs	683,000
Department of Health	137,700
Department of Commerce	576,000
Department of Social Services	355,000
Miscellaneous Services	1,068,000
Refunds of Revenue	8,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer	6,000,000
War (1914-18) Services	1,146,000
	145,693,000
Total PART I.	145,693,000

PART II.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	2,077,000
Postmaster-General's Department	15,702,000
	17,779,000
Total PART II.	17,779,000

PART III.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	263,050
Australian Capital Territory	398,950
Norfolk Island	4,000
	666,000
Total PART III.	666,000
	164,138,000
TOTAL	164,138,000

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Curtin 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Curtin, was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1942-43.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, for the service of the year 1942-43, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £126,729,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

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The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Curtin, was adopted by the House.

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

9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1942-43.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) 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 forty-three 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. Curtin 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Curtin, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1942-43.—The House according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

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

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1942-43, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £4,902,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Curtin 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Curtin, was adopted by the House.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1942-43.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1942-43, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,902,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Curtin, was adopted by the House.

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

12. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1942-43.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) 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 forty-three for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Curtin 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.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Curtin, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Sir George Bell, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Langtry, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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