

1943.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1943.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Right Honorable John Curtin made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. ALLEGED MISSING DOCUMENT RELATING TO DEFENCE PLANS—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—

Alleged Missing Document relating to Defence Plans—Report of Royal Commission—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Menzies (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.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the taking of all necessary steps for the introduction and passing through all stages without delay of a Supply Bill, Loan Bill, States Grants Bill and War Pensions Appropriation Bill, and the introduction and consideration of the Budget.

Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1943—No. 28—
Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
Mile End, South Australia.
Scottsdale, Tasmania.
Welshpool, Western Australia.
Medical Research Endowment Act—Reports by National Health and Medical Research Council
on work done under the Act during 1941 and 1942.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Control of—
Highway.
Machine tools (No. 2).
Prohibited places (2).
Prohibiting work on land.
Taking possession of land, &c. (377).
Use of land (15).
National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 41.
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, Nos. 235, 236.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Regulations—1943—No. 4 (Education Ordinance).
War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 233.

28th September, 1943.

8. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1943-44.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 1.*

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 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-four.

Canberra, 28th September, 1943.

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

10. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1943-44.—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.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1943-44 a sum not exceeding £25,961,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1943-44.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—

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 Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1943-44, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £25,961,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan 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. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

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

12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1943-44.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty-four*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

28th September, 1943.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1943.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*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 purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra, 28th September, 1943.

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. Chifley (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. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

14. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Guy 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past nine 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. Brennan, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.