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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT.—Mr. Guy brought up the Fifth Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ADDITIONS TO THE INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY, CANBERRA.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Additions to the Institute of Anatomy, Canberra.
Mr. Holloway having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSIONS TO THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Extensions to the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.
Mr. Holloway having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
6. NATIONAL DEBT COMMISSION—TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—
Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper :—
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1943-44—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Cameron 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. INTERSTATE AIR TRAVEL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the air transport facilities used by a party of schoolboys travelling from Victoria to New South Wales.
8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 24—
Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1943.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Use of land.
National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations—Orders—
Meat (Nos. 31-34).
Stock (No. 12).
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1943-44.
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1943-44.

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9. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address-in-Reply at the Opening of the Second Session of the Seventeenth Parliament was duly laid before His Majesty The King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members His Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which Your Address gives expression.

W. DUGAN,
Administrator.

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10. UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION BILL 1944.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Acceptance of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and for other purposes.

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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

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

Salaries and allowances	£8,480
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be agreed to.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Ryan be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Smith be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Coles, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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