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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No 17.

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1944.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.**— Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of next week.
Question— put and passed.
3. **COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATION 5KA - STATEMENT BY MEMBER.**— Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement with reference to the agreement, dated 5th February, 1943, covering the sale of commercial broadcasting station 5KA, Adelaide.
4. **PAPERS.**— The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
United Nations
Food and Agriculture—
Conference (May-June, 1943)— Final Act and Section Reports.
Interim Commission (August, 1944)— First Report to the Governments.
Relief and Rehabilitation Administration— First Session of the Council (November—December, 1943).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act— Proclamations prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of goods— Nos. 608–610.
Lands Acquisition Act— Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—
Cairns, Queensland.
Morpeth, New South Wales.
Townsville, Queensland.
Telephonic purposes— Geraldton, Western Australia.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations— Order— Navigation (Control of public traffic) (No. 4).
Regulations— Statutory Rules 1944, Nos. 130, 131, 135, 136.
5. **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. White be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

General debate concluded.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote— "Parliament, £182,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote— "Prime Minister's Department, £1,200,900"—

Mr. Harrison proposing to move, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled that the amendment would not be in order as the purpose of the amendment as indicated by the honorable Member was not a matter relevant to the Vote before the Committee.

Debate on Vote ensued.

Mr. Holt rising to address the Committee—

Chairman's Ruling. The Chairman ruled that the honorable Member had spoken twice to the question before the Committee.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.— Mr. Spender having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

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Question That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Holt		Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Menzies	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate on Vote continued.

Vote agreed to.

Vote "Department of External Affairs, £233,900"—debated—

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Vote further debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of the Treasury, £2,172,600"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Attorney-General's Department, £345,500"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of the Interior, £590,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of Civil Aviation, £391,300"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of Trade and Customs, £700,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of Health, £202,100"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £358,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of Social Services, £476,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of Supply and Shipping, £271,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Department of External Territories, £29,700"—debated and agreed to.

Vote "Defence and War (1939-44) Services, £139,141,000"—

Department of Defence

Department of the Navy—

Department of the Army

Department of Air—

Department of Munitions—

Department of Aircraft Production

Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces—

Department of Supply and Shipping—

Department of Home Security.

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

Other War Services

Other Administrations— Recoverable Expenditure—

Ordered to be considered together.

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—"Department of Information, £279,000"—be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Holt		Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Sir Earle Page	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	
		Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Votes further debated and agreed to.

Vote "Miscellaneous Services, £1,120,000"—

Vote "Refunds of Revenue, £5,000,000"—

Vote "Advance to the Treasurer, £6,000,000"—

Vote "War (1914-18) Services, £1,082,000"—

Ordered to be considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

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

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) 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 1944-45, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £182,863,000.

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

	£
Parliament	182,000
Prime Minister's Department	1,200,900
Department of External Affairs	233,900
Department of the Treasury	2,172,600
Attorney-General's Department	345,500
Department of the Interior	590,000
Department of Civil Aviation	391,300
Department of Trade and Customs	700,000
Department of Health	202,100
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	358,000
Department of Social Services	476,000
Department of Supply and Shipping	271,000
Department of External Territories	29,700
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—	£
Department of Defence	189,000
Department of the Navy	} 423,802,000
Department of the Army	
Department of Air	
Department of Munitions	
Department of Aircraft Production	
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces	} 8,310,000
Department of Supply and Shipping	
Department of Home Security	236,000
Other War Services	38,993,000
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure	Cr. 5,000,000
	466,530,000
<i>Less</i> Amount Chargeable to Loan Fund	327,389,000
	139,141,000
Miscellaneous Services	1,120,000
Refunds of Revenue	5,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer	6,000,000
War (1914-18) Services	1,082,000
Total PART 1	159,496,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	2,658,000
Postmaster-General's Department	19,993,000
Total PART 2	22,651,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	251,500
Australian Capital Territory	460,500
Norfolk Island	4,000
Total PART 3	716,000
TOTAL	182,863,000

Question put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley was adopted by the House.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1944-45.—The House, according to Order, 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 1944-45, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £130,904,000.

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. Lazzarini do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL 1944-45.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) 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-five 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. Chifley 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. DUGAN,

Administrator.

Message No. 3.

A Proposed Law intituled “*Statutory Declarations Act 1944*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 20th September, 1944.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Control of tooth brush handles—Revocation.

Taking possession of land, &c. (42).

National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (78).

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Sheehy.

* On leave.

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