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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 84.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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. PRISONERS OF WAR—MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the reasons for and the extent of medical examinations given returning prisoners of war.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—Nos. 156, 157.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—Victor Harbour, South Australia.
Postal purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2113–2196.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1945–46.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Defence and War (1939–45) Services—

Vote—"Department of Defence, £197,000"—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. J. A. Beasley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy	Mr. Coles	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Daly
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"Department of the Navy, £31,815,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Department of the Army, £174,757,000"—debated.

Progress 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.

7. MEMBER SWORN.—Adair Macalister Blain, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law. Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Fadden, by leave, welcomed Mr. Blain on his return to the House after having been a prisoner of war in the hands of the Japanese. Mr. Blain, by leave, made acknowledgment.
8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1945-46.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of the Army, £174,757,000"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Air, £86,208,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Munitions, £7,432,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Aircraft Production, £4,724,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Supply and Shipping, £8,326,000"—debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Debate continued.

Vote agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Home Security, £60,000"—debated.

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Daly	Mr. Rosevear
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehy

And so it was negatived.

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Vote agreed to.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to two 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. Breen, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen*, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Martens, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mulcahy*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scully*, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.