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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 88.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Clifley (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. DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the conflict of official statements regarding the demobilization of the Defence Forces and the position of servicemen with five years' service.  
Mr. Daldman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
  - Tariff Board—Reports—
    - Hops.
    - Phenacetin, Caffeine Alkaloid, Caffeine Citrate, Theobromine and Paraphenetidine.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Science and Industry Research Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1944–45.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - National Security Act—
    - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
      - Control of cork (No. 2).
      - Handbags (Manufacture) (No. 2).
    - National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Orders—
      - Control of timber (No. 5)—Revocation.
      - Timber (Revocation and amendment) (No. 1).
  - Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1944–45, together with Summary of Recommendations.
  - War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 152.
5. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, as a whole, further considered—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Anthony, viz. :—That the Schedule be amended by inserting in clause 14 (page 6) the following sub-clause :—

“(1A.) That notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement a tenant, who has satisfactorily fulfilled his conditions of tenancy for three years, may be granted the option of purchasing his home at such price as may be determined by approved valuers, and on such rental purchase terms as are practicable to the ability of the tenant, and as may be agreed and approved between the tenant and the Housing Authority.”

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Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Coles	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hughes	

Noes, 34.

Mr. J. A. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate on Bill, as a whole, continued.

Mr. Cameron proposing to move, as an amendment, That the Schedule be amended by inserting in clause 14 (page 6) the following:—"That it be a recommendation of the Committee that the Government consult the Premiers in conference with a view to securing agreement on amendments to the Schedule to vary and liberalize the conditions of home ownership by tenants"—

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Clark) ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order as it was not consistent with the context of the Bill.

Debate continued.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Cameron proposing to move an amendment to the motion—

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that such an amendment would not be in order.

Question—That the Report be adopted—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. WOOL REALIZATION BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

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.)

Clause 1—

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. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL REALIZATION BILL 1945.—The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

HENRY

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 31.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa in relation to the disposal of wool and to provide for the carrying out of the Agreement on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 28th September, 1945.

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HENRY,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

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 an amendment to be moved by the Minister of State for the Army in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa in relation to the disposal of wool and to provide for the carrying out of the Agreement on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 28th September, 1945.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages 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. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved the following motions—

(1) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa in relation to the disposal of wool and to provide for the carrying out of the Agreement on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and for other purposes.

(2) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Minister of State for the Army in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa in relation to the disposal of wool and to provide for the carrying out of the Agreement on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and for other purposes.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The said Resolutions were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Forde, by leave, were adopted by the House.

8. WOOL REALIZATION BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That the words “, and shall hold office during the pleasure of,” (page 3, lines 38–39) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That after “ Minister ” (page 4, line 30) the words “, after consultation with the Commission,” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. J. A. Beasley	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. K. E. Beasley	Mr. James
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 23: agreed to.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:—

“ 16A.—(1.) The Commission shall open and maintain, with the Commonwealth Finance Bank of Australia or such other bank as the Minister approves, an account into which there shall be paid—

- (a) all moneys received by the Commission in respect of sales of wool or otherwise; and  
(b) all moneys appropriated by the Parliament for the purposes of the Commission.

“(2.) The Commission shall, out of the moneys standing to the credit of the account—

- (a) defray all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Commission in the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, authorities and functions under this Act; and  
(b) pay the remuneration and allowances of the members of the Commission and the salaries, wages and allowances of persons appointed or employed by the Commission.”.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
10. WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.

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Debate continued.

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.)*

Clauses 1 to 3: agreed to.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr. McEwen proposing to move, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:—

“ 4. The Minister shall arrange with the authority administering each Territory of the Commonwealth for the adoption in each such Territory of a scheme of war service land settlement conforming generally to the scheme of war service land settlement specified in the Schedules to this Act.”

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled the proposed new clause out of order as it was not relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill.

First Schedule—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to clause 3:—

“(f) Such steps as are appropriate shall be taken to ensure that the standards of construction and services of houses of settlers are at least equal to the standards generally adopted in Government and Government-approved housing schemes in Australia.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

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.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Appropriation Bill 1945-46*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 35.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1945-46*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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-six, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate that sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Bankruptcy Bill 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act 1924-1933'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1944'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*National Welfare Fund Bill 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Welfare Fund Act 1943', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Social Services Contribution Assessment Bill 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Social Services Contribution*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Social Services Contribution Bill 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Social Services Contribution*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (No. 2) 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1944', as amended by the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[*Income Tax Bill (No. 2) 1945*]-

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Act 1945'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1945.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

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12. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1943-44.—The following Messages from His Royal Highness the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 33.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 34.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

13. SUPPLY—(SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1943-44.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved the following two motions :—

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1943-44.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1943-44, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

*Part I.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.*

	£
Parliament .. .. .	16,545
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	17,100
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	32,199
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	85,053
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	19,022
Department of the Interior .. .. .	6,531
Defence and War (1939-43) Services—	£
Department of Defence .. .. .	8,450
Department of the Navy .. .. .	} 27,079,772
Department of the Army .. .. .	
Department of Air .. .. .	
Department of Munitions .. .. .	
Department of Aircraft Production .. .. .	
Reciprocal Lend-Lease to United States Forces	} 1,070,521
Department of Supply and Shipping .. .. .	
Department of Home Security .. .. .	2,625
Other War Services .. .. .	6,016,446
Other Administrations—Recoverable Expenditure	9,361,136
	43,538,950
Less amount provided in <i>Appropriation Act</i> (No. 2) 1943-44 .. .. .	10,000,000
	33,538,950
Less amounts provided under other war votes which remained unexpended at close of year .. .. .	33,538,950
	..
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	29,465
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	9,621
Department of Health .. .. .	4,975
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	31,876
Department of Social Services .. .. .	8,123
Department of Supply and Shipping .. .. .	19,188
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	309,268
War (1914-18) Services .. .. .	31,908
	..
Total Part I. .. .. .	620,874

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<i>Part II.—Business Undertakings.</i>				£
Commonwealth Railways	..	..	..	43,331
Postmaster-General's Department	..	..	..	1,285,903
Total Part II.				1,329,234
 <i>Part III.—Territories of the Commonwealth.</i>				
Northern Territory	..	..	..	41,607
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	23,509
Total Part III.				65,116
Total				2,015,224

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1943-44.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1943-44 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £319,754.  
 Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.  
 Resolutions 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.  
 Mr. Lazzarini 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1943-44.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1943-44.

That, towards making good the further 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 £2,015,224.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1943-44.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1943-44, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £319,754.  
 Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.  
 Resolutions 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

15. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1943-44.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended 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. Lazzarini moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 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.
16. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1943-44.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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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.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 35.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing.

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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. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

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

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

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.

18. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) ASSESSMENT BILL 1945.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Contributory Charge upon certain Wool produced in Australia, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Forde 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. Forde moved, by leave, 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.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

19. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved—

1. That a contributory charge be imposed on all wool—

(a) produced in Australia; and

(b) on or after a date to be fixed by proclamation—

(i) sold by a broker at auction or otherwise;

(ii) purchased by a manufacturer;

(iii) subjected by a manufacturer (whether or not he is the producer or owner of the wool) to a process of manufacture; or

(iv) exported from Australia.



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2. That the rate of the charge be such percentage as is prescribed by regulations under the Act to give effect to this Resolution, being a percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into consideration any advice tendered to the Minister by the Australian Wool Realization Commission, is necessary in order to provide the following amounts:—

- (a) The amounts required to meet the share of the industry in the operating expenses of the Joint Organization as provided in paragraph three of Part III. of the Disposals Plan ;
- (b) The amounts required for payment of interest, at such rate as the Treasurer determines, upon the amount from time to time expended by the Commonwealth in purchases of wool in pursuance of the Disposals Plan and unrecovered ; and
- (c) The amounts required for payment into the Wool Use Promotion Fund in pursuance of section sixteen of the *Wool Use Promotion Act 1945*, as proposed to be affected by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Bill 1945*.

3. That in this Resolution, "the Disposals Plan" mean the plan a copy of which is set forth in the Schedule to the *Wool Realization Bill 1945*.

Motion agreed to.

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. Mr. Forde 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. Forde, was adopted by the House.

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

20. WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE) BILL 1945.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) then brought up a Bill intitled "A Bill for an Act to impose a Contributory Charge upon certain Wool produced in Australia", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Forde 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. Forde, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past three 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, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Haylen\*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson\*, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. White\*, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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