

1948.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian National Airlines Act—Third Annual Report and Financial Accounts, by the Australian National Airlines Commission, for year 1947–48.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Transport—R. A. Bickley.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Applecross, Western Australia.
Gloucester, New South Wales.
4. IMMIGRATION (GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN) BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
5. AUDIT BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.
6. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) declared—
(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature ;
(b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions ; and
(c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.
Question—That the Estimates be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. McLeod |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Fraser | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. Johnson | . Tellers: |
| Mr. Lawson | Mr. Fuller |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Sheehan |

Noes, 18.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. Lang |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Gullett | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hamilton | |
| Mr. Harrison | Tellers: |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Rankin |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Allotment of Time.—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows:—

(1) Estimates—

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| Prime Minister's Department | | until 6 p.m. this day. |
| Department of External Affairs | } | until 11 p.m. this day. |
| Department of the Treasury | | |
| Attorney-General's Department | | |
| Department of the Interior | | |
| Department of Works and Housing | } | until 4 p.m., Wednesday, 6th October. |
| Department of Civil Aviation | | |
| Department of Trade and Customs | | |
| Department of Health | | |
| Department of Commerce and Agriculture | | |
| Department of Social Services | } | until 8.30 p.m., Wednesday, 6th October. |
| Department of Supply and Development | | |
| Department of Shipping and Fuel | | |
| Department of External Territories | | |
| Department of Immigration | | |
| Department of Labour and National Service | } | until 11 p.m., Wednesday, 6th October. |
| Department of Transport | | |
| Department of Information | | |
| Department of Post-war Reconstruction | | |
| Defence and Service Departments | } | until 6 p.m., Thursday, 7th October. |
| Supply and Development | | |
| Reciprocal Lend-Lease | | |
| Re-establishment and Repatriation | | |
| International Relief and Rehabilitation | | |
| Subsidies | | |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Miscellaneous Services | } | until 9 p.m., Thursday, 7th October. |
| Refunds of Revenue | | |
| Advance to the Treasurer | | |
| War (1914-18) Services | | |
| Commonwealth Railways | } | until 11 p.m., Thursday, 7th October. |
| Postmaster-General's Department | | |
| Northern Territory | } | until noon, Friday, 8th October. |
| Australian Capital Territory | | |
| Papua-New Guinea | | |
| Norfolk Island | | |
| Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution | } | until 12.45 p.m., Friday, 8th October. |
| Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution | | |
| (2) Appropriation Bill—All stages | | |

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—
Question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. McLeod |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Fraser | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. Johnson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lawson | Mr. Fuller |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Sheehan |

Noes, 18.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Gullett | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hamilton | |
| Mr. Harrison | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Lang |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. McDonald |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5th October, 1948.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Prime Minister's Department, £2,878,400"—

Debate resumed on the Vote, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr Fadden, viz.:—That Division No. 16.—Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, £1,873,000—be reduced by £1,000,000.

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 24.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. Hutchinson |
| Mr. Adermann | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Bowden | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. White |
| Mr. Gullett | |
| Mr. Hamilton | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. McDonald |

Noes, 30.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lawson |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Fraser | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Fuller |
| Mr. Lang | Mr. Sheehan |

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the Vote be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lawson |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Fraser | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Fuller |
| Mr. Lang | Mr. Sheehan |

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. Hutchinson |
| Mr. Adermann | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Bowden | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. White |
| Mr. Gullett | |
| Mr. Hamilton | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. McDonald |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—" Department of External Affairs, £977,000"—

Vote—" Department of the Treasury, £3,898,100"—

Vote—" Attorney-General's Department, £590,700"—

Vote—" Department of the Interior, £1,449,000"—considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At eleven o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Sheehan) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put.

5th October, 1948.

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

| Ayes, 30. | | Noes, 20. | |
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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Lawson | Mr. Abbott | Mr. Hutchinson |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Adermann | Mr. McBride |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Beale | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. McLeod | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Cameron | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Davidson | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Riordan | Mr. Fadden | Mr. White |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Russell | Mr. Falkinder | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Scully | Mr. Gullett | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Thompson | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Ward | Mr. Harrison | |
| Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Watkins | | |
| Mr. Fraser | <i>Tellers:</i> | | |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Fuller | | |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Williams | | |
| Mr. Lang | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Daly, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Spender.

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