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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

FRIDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Labour and National Service—M. K. Gibson.  
Shipping and Fuel—A. G. Bayly, H. G. Chesterman, J. R. Collins, E. R. Curtin,  
R. S. Faulkner, A. G. Maxwell, C. T. Shepherd.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Homebush, New South Wales.
3. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.  
Question—put and passed.
4. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain employees of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
5. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and other International Organizations, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 4, Government Business, be postponed until the next sitting.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF WEARF AT DARWIN.—  
Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—The construction of a new wharf at Darwin  
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Vote—"Northern Territory, £1,179,200"—  
 Vote—"Australian Capital Territory, £909,300"—  
 Vote—"Papua-New Guinea, £2,701,000"—  
 Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,500"—  
 considered together.

Votes debated.

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*Limitation of Debate.*—At twelve o'clock noon, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) 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 and passed.

Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the sum already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1948–49, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £176,714,000.

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

	£
Parliament .. .. .	314,100
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	2,878,400
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	977,000
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	3,898,100
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	590,700
Department of the Interior .. .. .	1,449,000
Department of Works and Housing .. .. .	2,200,000
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	4,568,000
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	1,513,000
Department of Health .. .. .	477,600
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	846,000
Department of Social Services .. .. .	892,000
Department of Supply and Development .. .. .	1,115,500
Department of Shipping and Fuel .. .. .	2,165,700
Department of External Territories .. .. .	70,000
Department of Immigration .. .. .	312,400
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .	1,345,000
Department of Transport .. .. .	162,000
Department of Information .. .. .	351,500
Department of Post-war Reconstruction .. .. .	787,000
Defence and Post-war (1939–45) Charges—	£
Defence and Service Departments .. .. .	48,722,000
Supply and Development .. .. .	8,063,000
Reciprocal Lend-Lease .. .. .	100,000
Re-establishment and Repatriation .. .. .	29,047,000
International Relief and Rehabilitation .. .. .	3,640,000
Subsidies .. .. .	19,700,000
Miscellaneous .. .. .	1,634,000
Miscellaneous Credits .. .. .	Cr.11,000,000
	99,906,000
Less Amount Chargeable to Loan Fund .. .. .	17,691,000
	82,215,000
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	7,549,000
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	10,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer .. .. .	10,000,000
War (1914–18) Services .. .. .	1,137,000
	137,814,000
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.	
Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	1,886,000
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	32,220,000
	34,106,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.	
Northern Territory .. .. .	1,179,200
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	909,300
Papua-New Guinea .. .. .	2,701,000
Norfolk Island .. .. .	4,500
	4,794,000
TOTAL .. .. .	176,714,000

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Watkins) having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

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Question—That the Resolution be reported to the House—put and passed.  
Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins 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. Lemmon, was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1948-49, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £101,986,000.

Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins 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. Lemmon, was adopted by the House.

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

10. APPROPRIATION BILL 1948-49.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) 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-nine, 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. Lemmon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Langtry	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Lemmon, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian Soldier's Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1946-47.  
Ordered to be printed.

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12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burke, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Scully and Mr. Sheehy.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*