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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 123.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1949.

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—
Postmaster-General—D. A. A. Jose.
Repatriation—P. M. McMicking.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL (No. 2) 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 65.

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 a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Perth, 24th September, 1949.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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.

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

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

Mr. Harrison 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.

4. WOOL BIOLOGY LABORATORY, PROSPECT, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely:—The erection at Prospect, New South Wales, of a Wool Biology Laboratory for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

Question—put and passed.

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5. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, ST. KILDA, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—
Building for an Automatic Telephone Exchange at St. Kilda, Victoria.
Question—put and passed.
6. HOSTEL FOR OFFICERS AT DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the results of its investigations, namely :—The erection of a Hostel for Officers at Darwin, Northern Territory.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £374,000"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £1,157,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Department of External Affairs, £1,005,000"—debated.

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That the Vote be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1949.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hutchinson	

*Tellers:*Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	

*Tellers:*Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Vote agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Calwell, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Williams.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.