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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

THURSDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. E. H. D. Russell (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to proposed extensions to the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
3. IMPERSONATION OF SECURITY OFFICERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a report that, in a suburban café in Adelaide, two persons, claiming to be security officers, had interrogated certain people. Mr. Menzies informed the House that such persons have no connexion with the Security Service.
4. DUTCH NEW GUINEA—INDONESIA'S CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the claim by the Indonesian Republic of sovereignty over Dutch New Guinea, and stated the Government's viewpoint that Australia's interests should be considered before any step is taken to alter the status of that territory. Mr. Spender then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Dutch New Guinea—Indonesia's Claim of Sovereignty—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eiggins	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Grayden	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. Ryan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Spender	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Handby	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Peters	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Morgan	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Repatriation—M. E. Grutzner.
Works and Housing—R. A. Knowles, F. M. Wilson.
Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
Archerfield, Queensland.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 23.

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6. SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT AND PROTECTION OF ABORIGINES.—Mr. Hasluck moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of the opinion that the Commonwealth Government, exercising a national responsibility for the welfare of the whole Australian people, should co-operate with the State Governments in measures for the social advancement as well as the protection of people of the aboriginal race throughout the Australian mainland, such co-operation to include additional financial aid to those States on whom the burden of native administration falls most heavily; and the House requests the Government to prepare proposals for submission at the earliest opportunity to a meeting of State Premiers and, in preparing such proposals, to pay due regard to the principles of (a) State administration of native affairs and (b) co-operation with the Christian missions.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.

Ordered—That the time for the debate be extended.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 Additional Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

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

8. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.—

The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1949-50.

That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1949-50 for the services hereunder specified, viz.:—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH—		£
Defence Services .. .. .	.. .. .	1,400,000
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	.. .. .	1,000,000
War (1939-45) Services .. .. .	.. .. .	20,000,000
Total PART 1		22,400,000
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—		
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	6,000,000
Total PART 2		6,000,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH—		
Papua and New Guinea .. .. .	.. .. .	600,000
Total PART 3		600,000
TOTAL		29,000,000

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.

That the following additional sum be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1949-50, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, as specified hereunder, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH—		£
Department of Works and Housing	.. .. .	4,600,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	.. .. .	400,000
Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport	.. .. .	2,000,000
Department of Immigration	.. .. .	600,000
Defence Services	.. .. .	300,000
Total PART I.		7,900,000
PART II.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—		
Postmaster-General's Department	.. .. .	3,100,000
Total PART II.		3,100,000
TOTAL		11,000,000

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Fadden 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.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee).

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1949-50.

That, towards making good the Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1949-50, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £29,000,000.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1949-50.

That, towards making good the Additional Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1949-50, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £11,000,000.

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

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Dame Enid Lyons do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1949-50.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and to appropriate that sum ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chifley (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.

11. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1949-50.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intituled “ A Bill for an Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate that sum ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chifley (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.

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12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1950-51.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

13. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1950-51 a sum not exceeding £77,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Fadden 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.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1950-51, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £77,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Dame Enid Lyons do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

15. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1950-51.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chifley (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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1950-51.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith,

8th June, 1950.

17. SUPPLY—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1950–51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the service of the year 1950–51, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a sum not exceeding £25,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Fadden 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.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1950–51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year 1950–51 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £25,000,000.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Dame Enid Lyons do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

19. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1950–51.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chifley (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.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1948–49.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

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-nine and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

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 and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

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

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21. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1948-49.—
The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1948-49.

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1948-49, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

PART I.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

	£
Parliament	19,407
Prime Minister's Department	143,015
Department of External Affairs	38,481
Department of the Treasury	277,743
Attorney-General's Department	43,892
Department of the Interior	98,580
Department of Works and Housing	42,733
Department of Civil Aviation	535,723
Department of Trade and Customs	103,117
Department of Health	2,424
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	53,203
Department of Social Services	114,759
Department of Supply and Development	2,954
Department of Shipping and Fuel	615,731
Department of External Territories	3,780
Department of Immigration	83,817
Department of Labour and National Service	20,669
Department of Transport	5,449
Department of Post-war Reconstruction	2,666
Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges—	£
Defence and Service Departments	6,209,160
Supply and Development	126,684
Re-establishment and Repatriation	85,375
Lend-Lease Settlement	108,220
International Relief and Rehabilitation	606,000
Subsidies	6,421,669
Miscellaneous	81,224
Miscellaneous Credits Cr.	3,432,976
	10,205,356

Less amount chargeable to Loan Fund—

Read	Nil
In lieu of	£17,691,000
	17,691,000

27,896,356

Less amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1948-49

8,500,000

19,396,356

Less amounts provided under votes which remain unexpended at close of year

19,396,356

Miscellaneous Services	765,224
War (1914-18) Services	12,920
	778,144

Total PART I. 2,986,287

PART II.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	243,205
Postmaster-General's Department	4,125,839
Less amount provided in Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1948-49	3,300,000
	825,839

Total PART II. 1,069,044

PART III.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	41,597
Australian Capital Territory	110,897
Papua-New Guinea	736,109
	888,603

Total PART III. 888,603

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PART V. —PRIMARY PRODUCTION—SELF-BALANCING ITEMS.						
Eggs—War-time Boards	Control	Distribution	of Surplus Funds	to State	Egg	£
..	110,060
TOTAL						5,053,994

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1948-49.

That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1948-49, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, &c., a further sum not exceeding £4,387,511.

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

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Fadden 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.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

22. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1948-49.

That, towards making good the further 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 £5,053,994.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1948-49.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year 1948-49, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,387,511.

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

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden and Dame Enid Lyons do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

23. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1948-49.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *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-nine* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chifley (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.

24. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1948-49.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) also brought up a Bill intitled “ *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-nine, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and Other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Chifley (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.

25. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, SOUTH GUILDFORD—FINDINGS OF AIR COURT OF INQUIRY—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. White (Minister for Civil Aviation), That the Paper [*presented on the 8th March, 1950*], viz. :—

Aircraft Accident, South Guildford, Western Australia, 2nd July, 1949—Report and Findings of Air Court of Inquiry—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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26. FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 9th March, 1950*], viz. :—
Foreign Policy—Ministerial Statement, 9th March, 1950—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Ryan moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Spender from concluding his speech without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.
27. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1949, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the eleventh day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the ninth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1949 as so amended.

By omitting the whole of Prefatory Note (13) and inserting in its stead the following Prefatory Note :—

“(13) Unless the Tariff otherwise expressly provides, or the Minister otherwise directs, the term “artificial silk” shall include synthetic fibres made from substances having either a cellulosic or protein base and synthetic fibres made from substances produced by either or both of the chemical processes known as polymerisation and condensation.”

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(4) Tapestries and tapestry curtain material, viz. :— (a) Woven, viz. :—wholly of artificial silk ; containing a mixture of fibres in which more than 50 per cent. by weight is artificial silk and, if the mixture of fibres includes wool, not more than 5 per cent. by weight is wool per square yard (b) Wholly of artificial silk or containing a mixture of fibres in which at least 10 per cent. by weight is artificial silk and, if the mixture of fibres includes wool, not more than 5 per cent. by weight is wool, except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (A) (4) (a) - - - per square yard	1s. 6d.	1s. 8½d.	2s. 1½d.
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) (a) Woven, viz. :—wholly of artificial silk or containing a mixture of fibres in which more than 50 per cent. by weight is artificial silk, except tyre cord fabric and piece goods enumerated in sub-items (A) (4) (a), (A) (5), (D) (3) and (F) - - - per square yard (b) Artificial silk or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (A) (1) (b), (A) (3), (A) (4), (A) (5), (AA), (D) (1) (a), (D) (3) and (F) - - - per square yard	1½d.	4d.	9d.”
By adding to sub-item (D) a new paragraph (4) as follows :— “(4) Wholly of artificial silk or containing artificial silk, of types which would otherwise be classified under sub-item (A) (4) (a) or sub-item (D) (1) (a), as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per square yard	Free	2½d.	7½d.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.			
291. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :—			
(1) For use in the manufacture of plywood and veneers—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this sub-paragraph - ad val.	Free	..	5 per cent.
(b) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this sub-paragraph - ad val.	5 per cent.	..	10 per cent
(2) Other—			
(a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)—			
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	Free	6d.	6d.
(2) Other per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.
(b) N.E.I.—			
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	17½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(2) Other - ad val.	7½ per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (d) Spars in the rough—			
(1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	Free	6d.	6d.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.
(2) Other			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
(b) Other - ad val.	7½ per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (r) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (r) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—Redwood (<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>) and Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja Plicata</i>)—			
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	Free	..	2s.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet	2s.	..	4s.
(2) In sizes of 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	Free	..	2s.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet	2s. 3d.	..	5s. 6d.
(3) In sizes less than 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent)—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	Free	..	2s.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet	6s.	..	10s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (ii) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (ii) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—Other—			
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	Free	1s.	6s. 6d.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet	6s.	7s.	12s. 6d.
(2) In sizes of 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	Free	1s.	5s.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet	9s.	10s.	14s.
(3) In sizes less than 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent)—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	Free	1s.	3s. 6d.
(b) Other - per 100 super. feet	12s.	13s.	15s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division X.—Wood, Wicker, and Cane—continued.			
291.—continued. By omitting the whole of sub-item (κ) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (κ) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i.— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws— ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free 32½ per cent.	.. ..	10 per cent. 57½ per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (L) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (L) Timber, dressed or moulded, n.e.i. ; timber tongued or grooved or tongued and grooved ; weather-boards— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet (2) Other - - - - - per 100 super. feet	Free 16s. 6d.	.. ..	2s. 24s.”
292. By omitting the whole of sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (g) Architraves, mouldings n.e.i., skirtings and room mouldings, up to and including 6 inches in width and up to and including 1 inch in thickness— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 lineal feet (2) Other - - - - - per 100 lineal feet	Free 6s. 9d.	.. ..	1s. 10s.”
293. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) Timber, undressed, in sizes less than 7 feet 6 inches x 10½ inches x 2½ inches for use in the manufacture of doors— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this paragraph per 100 super. feet (2) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this paragraph per 100 super. feet	Free 4s.	1s. 5s.	2s. 6s.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1948* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the ninth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1948* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.	
Ex. 291. By omitting :— “ (c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :— (1) For use in the manufacture of plywood and veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. (2) Other— (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) And on and after 3rd December, 1936 (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) ; Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>) ; Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>) ; Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) (b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent. 4s. 6d. 4s. 17½ per cent.”
and inserting in its stead the following :— “ (c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :— (1) For use in the manufacture of plywood and veneers— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this sub-paragraph - - - - - (b) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purpose of this sub-paragraph - - - - - ad val. (2) Other— (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) ; Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>) ; Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>) ; Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - (2) Other per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) (b) N.E.I.— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free 5 per cent. Free 4s. 7½ per cent. 17½ per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
Division X.—Wood, Wicker, and Cane—continued.	
Ex. 291.—continued.	
By omitting :—	
“(D) Spars in the rough—	
(1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>)	
per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s. 6d.
And on and after 3rd December, 1936	
(1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)	
per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s.
(2) Other	17½ per cent.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(D) Spars in the rough—	
(1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s.
(2) Other—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other	17½ per cent.”
By omitting :—	
“(F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—Redwood (<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>) and Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja Plicata</i>)—	
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over	
per 100 super. feet	2s.
(2) In sizes of 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)	
per 100 super. feet	3s. 6d.
(3) In sizes less than 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent)	
per 100 super. feet	8s.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—Redwood (<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>) and Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja Plicata</i>)—	
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over—	
(a) as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet	2s.
(2) In sizes of 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet	3s. 6d.
(3) In sizes less than 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent)—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet	8s.”
By omitting :—	
“(H) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—	
Other—	
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over	
per 100 super. feet	6s.
(2) In sizes of 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)	
per 100 super. feet	9s.
(3) In sizes less than 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent)	
per 100 super. feet	12s.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(H) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—	
Other—	
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet	6s.
(2) In sizes of 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet	9s.
(3) In sizes less than 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent)—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(b) Other per 100 super. feet	12s.”
By omitting :—	
“(K) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i. ad val.	
and inserting in its stead the following :—	47½ per cent.”
“(K) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i.—	
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(2) Other	47½ per cent.”
By omitting :—	
“(L) Timber, dressed or moulded, n.e.i.; timber tongued or grooved or tongued and grooved; weatherboards	
per 100 super. feet	22s.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(L) Timber, dressed or moulded, n.e.i.; timber tongued or grooved or tongued and grooved; weatherboards—	
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free
(2) Other	22s.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
Division X.—Wood, Wicker, and Cane—<i>continued.</i>	
Ex. 293. By omitting :—	
“(A) Timber, undressed, in sizes less than 7 feet 6 inches x 10½ inches x 2½ inches for use in the manufacture of doors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	4s.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(A) Timber, undressed, in sizes less than 7 feet 6 inches x 10½ inches x 2½ inches for use in the manufacture of doors—	
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this paragraph	Free
(2) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws for the purposes of this paragraph per 100 super. feet	4s.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

28. TARIFF BOARD—REPORT ON WOVEN RAYON PIECE GOODS INDUSTRY—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Tariff Board—Report on Woven Rayon Piece Goods Industry—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. T. P. Burke 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.

29. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13, Government Business.

30. SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA—BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 6th June, 1950*], viz. :—

South and South-East Asia—British Commonwealth Consultative Committee Conference, Sydney, May, 1950—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Brown 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.

31. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

32. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Graham, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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