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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 81.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at eleven 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. McDonald brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed extensions to the Telephone Exchange Building at Lismore, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Science and Industry Research Act—Second Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, for year 1949–50.
War Service Homes Act—Annual Report for year 1949–50.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
5. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1950.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Membership of the Australian Egg Board pending the holding of Elections of Members to represent Producers in each State.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 13 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 15, Government Business.
7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1950.—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—
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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 282), the Bill was read a third time.

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8. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1950.—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—
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. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 282), the Bill was read a third time.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport, £539,000"—

Vote—"Department of External Territories, £97,000"—
considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Ryan) 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.

Vote—"Department of Immigration, £713,000"—

Vote—"Department of Labour and National Service, £1,537,000"—

Vote—"Department of National Development, £800,000"—
considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £2,290,000"—

Defence Services—

Vote—"Department of Defence, £404,000"—

Vote—"Department of the Navy, £22,820,000"—

Vote—"Department of the Army, £24,896,000"—

Vote—"Department of Air, £23,623,000"—

Vote—"Department of Supply, £61,640,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past ten o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Ryan) 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.

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £64,982,000"—

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £12,000,000"—

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000"—

Vote—"War (1914-18) Services, £2,021,000"—

Vote—"War (1939-45) Services, £7,879,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past eleven o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Ryan) 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.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1950.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £2,606,000"—

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £46,037,000"—

Vote—"Broadcasting Services, £3,403,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to one o'clock a.m., the Chairman 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.

Vote—"Northern Territory, £1,590,000"—

Vote—"Australian Capital Territory, £1,216,500"—

Vote—"Papua and New Guinea, £4,740,000"—

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,500"—

considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

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Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1950–51, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £329,587,000.

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Parliament	451,000
Prime Minister's Department	1,599,000
Department of External Affairs	1,315,000
Department of the Treasury	7,590,000
Attorney-General's Department	760,000
Department of the Interior	2,307,000
Department of Works and Housing	1,231,000
Department of Civil Aviation	6,946,000
Department of Trade and Customs	2,000,000
Department of Health	656,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	1,055,000
Department of Social Services	1,400,000
Department of Supply	439,000
Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport	539,000
Department of External Territories	97,000
Department of Immigration	713,000
Department of Labour and National Service	1,537,000
Department of National Development	800,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	2,290,000
Defence Services—	£
Department of Defence	404,000
Department of the Navy	22,820,000
Department of the Army	24,896,000
Department of Air	23,623,000
Department of Supply	61,640,000
	133,383,000
Miscellaneous Services	64,982,000
Refunds of Revenue	12,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer	16,000,000
War (1914–18) Services	2,021,000
War (1939–45) Services	7,879,000
	269,990,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	2,606,000
Postmaster-General's Department	46,037,000
Broadcasting Services	3,403,000
	52,046,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	1,590,000
Australian Capital Territory	1,216,500
Papua and New Guinea	4,740,000
Norfolk Island	4,500
	7,551,000
TOTAL	329,587,000

Question—put and passed.
Leave to be 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. Spender the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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10. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) 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 £191,398,000.

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 into the said Committee.

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

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

11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1950-51.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) 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 fifty-one, 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. Spender 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

12. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1950-51, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, a sum not exceeding £68,705,000.

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. Spender 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. Spender, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1950-51.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) 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 £25,113,000.

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. Spender, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

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14. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1950-51.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) 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 fifty-one, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure 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. Spender 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1950.

[*Excise Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1950.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1948 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1950.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946-1949 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1950.

Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1936 ’, as amended by the ‘ Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Act 1950 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th December, 1950.

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Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INTERIM FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Interim Forces Benefits Act 1947 ‘* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th December, 1950.

Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to two 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. Bate, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway*, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini*, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. Mullens, Mr. E. H. D. Russell and Mr. Watkins*.

*On leave.

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