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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1945.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. **MINISTERIAL CHANGES.**—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following on the death of Mr. Curtin, His Royal Highness the Governor-General, on the 6th July, had commissioned Mr. Forde to form a Ministry to carry on the Government. The portfolios allotted were those previously held, with the exception of Mr. Beasley who had been appointed Minister for Defence in addition to the position of Vice-President of the Executive Council.
- Mr. Chifley also announced that, on the 13th July, following on his election as Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labour Party, Mr. Forde resigned his office of Prime Minister, and that His Royal Highness had commissioned him to form a Ministry.

The Government is constituted as follows:—

Prime Minister and Treasurer .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Chifley.
Minister for the Army (and Deputy Prime Minister) .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Forde.
Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Evatt.
Minister for Defence .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Beasley.
Minister for the Navy, Minister for Munitions and Minister for Aircraft Production .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Makin.
Minister for Trade and Customs .. .. .	.. .. .	Senator Keane.
Minister for Labour and National Service .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Holloway.
Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Drakeford.
Minister for Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Scully.
Minister for Supply and Shipping .. .. .	.. .. .	Senator Ashley.
Minister for Post-war Reconstruction and Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Dedman.
Vice-President of the Executive Council .. .. .	.. .. .	Senator Collings.
Minister for Transport and Minister for External Territories .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Ward.
Minister for Health and Minister for Social Services .. .. .	.. .. .	Senator Fraser.
Minister for Repatriation .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Frost.
Minister for Works and Housing and Minister for Home Security .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Lazzarini.
Postmaster-General .. .. .	.. .. .	Senator Cameron.
Minister for Immigration and Minister for Information .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Calwell.
Minister for the Interior .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson will assist Mr. Lazzarini in his administration of the Department of Works and Housing. Pending the return to Australia of Mr. Evatt, Mr. Beasley and Mr. Makin will act for and on behalf of the Attorney-General and the Minister for External Affairs respectively.

Mr. Chifley indicated that the Members of the War Cabinet are—Mr. Chifley, Mr. Forde, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Makin, Senator Keane, Mr. Drakeford and Mr. Dedman.

Mr. Chifley also announced that the Government will be represented on the Australian Advisory War Council by Mr. Chifley, Mr. Forde, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Beasley and Mr. Makin, and that the non-Government members will be Mr. Fadden, Mr. Hughes, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Spender and Mr. McEwen.

Senate Ministers will be represented in the House of Representatives as follows:—

- Mr. Forde will represent the Minister for Trade and Customs ;
- Mr. Beasley will represent the Minister for Supply and Shipping ;
- Mr. Holloway will represent the Minister for Health and the Minister for Social Services ; and
- Mr. Calwell will represent the Postmaster-General.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Fadden congratulated Mr. Chifley and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Chifley made acknowledgments.

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3. FREMANTLE ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Fremantle, in the State of Western Australia, in the place of the Right Honorable John Curtin, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election were fixed as follows :—

Date of Nomination Tuesday, 31st July, 1945.
 Date of Polling Saturday, 18th August, 1945.
 Date of Return of Writ On or before Saturday, 8th September, 1945.

4. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR YEAR 1944-45—REPORT OF COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) laid upon the Table, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, the following Paper :—

Financial Assistance to South Australia—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission upon the application submitted by the State of South Australia for additional financial assistance for year 1944-45 under the *States Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942*, and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Cameron 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 105.
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—No. 40—
 Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Commerce and Agriculture—R. H. Lawrie, J. S. McGahey.
 Health—W. L. Sayle.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Commonwealth purposes—
 Lowood, Queensland.
 Rocklea, Queensland (2).
 Postal purposes—Bankstown, New South Wales.
 Nationality Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 98.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Order—Military powers during
 emergency.
 National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 Control of—
 Essential materials (No. 14).
 Liquor (No. 3).
 Feminine outerwear (No. 2).
 Knitted goods (No. 2).
 Prohibited place.
 Protected area.
 Taking possession of land, &c. (13).
 Use of land.
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (71).
 National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 50.
 National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 93-99.
 National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—No. 94.
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—
 Queensland (dated 19th June, 1945).
 Western Australia (dated 4th July, 1945).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 100, 101, 102, 106, 107.
 Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 104.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 18th July, 1945.

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

Mr. 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 moneys be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan 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. Lazzarini 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. Menzies (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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

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 a sum for War Pensions.

Canberra, 18th July, 1945.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) 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 a sum for War Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini, was adopted by the House.

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

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

Mr. Menzies (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.

8. WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) for Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), pursuant to leave given on the 30th May, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929–1936’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. White 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.

9. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES BILL 1945.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to leave given on the 4th July, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment and Operation of National Airline Services by the Commonwealth and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Drakeford moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (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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10. WAR GRATUITY BILL 1945.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 21—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Harrison, viz. :—That after paragraph (e) the following paragraph be inserted :—

“(f) a member who desires to establish or re-establish himself in civil life and who is entitled to receive the benefits provided in Division 3, Part VI., of the *Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945*.”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 22—

Sir Frederick Stewart moved, as an amendment, That the words “to the War Service Homes Commissioner or any other authority approved by a prescribed authority” (page 11, lines 29–31) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Harrison moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof :—

“22. In approved cases, credit may be made available towards the cost of erection or purchase of a home for the member.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That after “authority” (page 11, line 30) the words “or person” be inserted.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Spender
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Rankin	Mr. Guy
Mr. Sheehy	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Breen	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Clark	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Coles	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frost	Mr. Martens
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hadley	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 25 agreed to.

Clause 26 debated and agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Clause 28—

On the motion of Sir Frederick Stewart, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 12, at end of clause add “or the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942–1944*”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 32 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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11. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION BILL 1945.—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—
Debate resumed by Mr. White who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn and referred to a Select Committee for report as to whether the Bill meets the requirements of the Territories concerned, and to seek advice upon the best methods for restoring Civil Administration, for the welfare of the native population and for the economic development of Papua and New Guinea".
Debate continued.
Mr. Cameron 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Scully.

* On leave.

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