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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Return of land disposed of under Section 63.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1955—No. 4—Plant Diseases.
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report for year 1953-54.
3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—GRANTS FOR ROADS.—Mr. A. D. Fraser having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "That the Commonwealth has failed to provide sufficient funds to enable the States to establish and maintain adequate roads, and that, as a consequence, roads throughout Australia are so deteriorating that they are not adequate to ordinary civilian needs nor to the urgent needs of defence and development"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. A. D. Fraser addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. James rising to address the House—
Mr. Gullett moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 36.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 156, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SALARIES ADJUSTMENT BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

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 provide for Increases in certain Salaries, and for purposes connected therewith.

Canberra, 20th April, 1955.

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

18th May, 1955.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Salaries, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—JUDGES' REMUNERATION BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

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 increase the Remuneration of the Judges of the High Court and of certain Courts created by the Parliament.

Canberra, 17th May, 1955.

Ordered—That the 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to increase the Remuneration of the Judges of the High Court and of certain Courts created by the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955-56 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

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-six,

Canberra, 18th May, 1955.

18th May, 1955.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

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-six for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Canberra, 18th May, 1955.

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

8. SUPPLY—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955-56 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £163,077,000 for or towards the services of the year 1955-56.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £32,687,000 for or towards the services of the year 1955-56, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure.

Question—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.

Sir Arthur 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955-56 AND SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLY.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1955-56, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £163,077,000.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES).

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1955-56, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £32,687,000.

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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Townley do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—Sir Arthur 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-six*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) also 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-six, 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.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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12. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1954-55.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 41.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia—

- (a) 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-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and
- (b) the Governor-General further recommends to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1954 and known as the Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account, of such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Canberra, 18th May, 1955.

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 42.*

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

Canberra, 18th May, 1955.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

13. SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1954-55.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £25,804,000 for the services of the year 1954-55, viz.:—

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

	£
Parliament	46,000
Prime Minister's Department	123,000
Department of External Affairs	24,000
Department of the Treasury	395,000
Attorney-General's Department	86,000
Department of the Interior	121,000
Department of Works	791,000
Department of Civil Aviation	395,000
Department of Trade and Customs	219,000
Department of Health	61,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	170,000
Department of Social Services	119,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	40,000
Department of Territories	14,000
Department of Immigration	85,000
Department of Labour and National Service	119,000
Department of National Development	47,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	321,000
Australian Atomic Energy Commission	2,000
Defence Services	11,899,000
Miscellaneous Services	3,061,000
Bounties and Subsidies	1,000,000
War and Repatriation Services	4,625,000
TOTAL PART 1	23,763,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	66,000
Postmaster-General's Department	1,623,000
Broadcasting Services	122,000
TOTAL PART 2	1,811,000

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PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	123,000
Australian Capital Territory	66,000
Norfolk Island	13,620
Papua and New Guinea	27,380
TOTAL PART 3	230,000
TOTAL	25,804,000

Question—put and passed.

DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That, in addition, there be granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1954–55, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1954 and known as the Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account, such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

Question—put and passed.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That there be granted to Her Majesty an additional sum not exceeding £2,801,000 for the services of the year 1954–55, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz. :—

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

	£
Prime Minister's Department	55,000
Department of the Treasury	27,000
Department of the Interior	233,000
Department of Works	225,000
Department of Civil Aviation	500,000
Department of Trade and Customs	3,000
Department of Health	239,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	922,000
Department of Social Services	7,000
Department of Shipping and Transport	44,000
TOTAL PART 1	2,255,000

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Postmaster-General's Department	454,000
Broadcasting Services	89,000
TOTAL PART 2	543,000

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	3,000
TOTAL PART 3	3,000
TOTAL	2,801,000

Question—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. Sir Arthur 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1954–55.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following three motions :

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1954–55, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £25,804,000.

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DEBT REDEMPTION RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1954-55, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1954 and known as the Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund such sums as the Treasurer from time to time determines.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the additional Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1954-55, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £2,801,000.

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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Townley do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1954-55.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply additional sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and to appropriate those sums*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

16. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1954-55.—Sir Arthur 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-five, 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.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1953-54.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

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

Canberra, 18th May, 1955.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

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

Canberra, 18th May, 1955.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

18. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

18th May, 1955.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £3,439,434 for the services of the year 1953–54, viz. :—

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

	£
Parliament	1,147
Prime Minister's Department	21,936
Department of External Affairs	17,496
Department of the Treasury	100,914
Attorney-General's Department	64,213
Department of the Interior	67,249
Department of Works	297,123
Department of Civil Aviation	83,575
Department of Trade and Customs	10,247
Department of Health
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	24,862
Department of Social Services	11,591
Department of Shipping and Transport	21,264
Department of Territories	2,266
Department of Immigration
Department of Labour and National Service	6,329
Department of National Development	1,075
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	21,967
Australian Atomic Energy Commission
Defence Services	947,594
Miscellaneous Services	541,595
Refunds of Revenue	136,802
War and Repatriation Services	70,903
TOTAL PART 1	2,450,148

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways	7,961
Postmaster-General's Department	879,302
Broadcasting Services	49,824
TOTAL PART 2	937,087

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Northern Territory	10,520
Australian Capital Territory	40,765
Territory of Papua and New Guinea	914
TOTAL PART 3	52,199
TOTAL	3,439,434

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £721,914 for the services of the year 1953–54 for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz. :—

Part 1.—Departments and Services—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth	£ 299,094
Part 2.—Business Undertakings	422,820
Total	721,914

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.

Sir Arthur 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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

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19. WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES, 1953–54.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following two motions :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953–54, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £3,439,434.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND SERVICES.

That, towards making good the further Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953–54, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £721,914.

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 Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Townley do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

20. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1953–54.—Sir Arthur 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 fifty-four* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

21. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1953–54.—Sir Arthur 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 fifty-four, 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.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

22. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1955.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Haylen, viz. :—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn to enable the Amending Agreement to be revised with a view to providing that the minimum deposit on sales on terms shall be 5 per cent. of the purchase consideration, and that interest on purchase money outstanding shall be at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum computed on the monthly balance, and that the maximum advance be £3,500”*—

Debate resumed.

Member ordered to withdraw from House.—Mr. Curtin having interjected from an Officials’ Seat, Mr.

Speaker ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House.

The honorable Member accordingly withdrew.

Debate continued.

Member re-admitted to House.—With the permission of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Curtin returned to the House.

Mr. Curtin then apologized to the Chair.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Hamilton), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Bryson, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Crean, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Downer, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fuller, Mr. E. James Harrison*, Mr. Joshua, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Webb and Mr. Whitlam.

* On leave.

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