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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 39.

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of Want of Confidence of which he has given notice for the next sitting, and that such motion take precedence of all other business until disposed of.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That this House is of opinion that the Government is deserving of censure for—
  - (1) Its failure to deal adequately with the rising tide of industrial lawlessness ;
  - (2) Its encouragement of Communist activities in Australia ;
  - (3) Its failure to carry out an effective housing policy ;
  - (4) Its attack upon the responsible authority of Parliament by—
    - (a) its refusal to permit discussion in the Parliament in relation to the matters under consideration at the San Francisco Conference ;
    - (b) its use of the forms of the House to stifle full and careful debate upon important legislative proposals ; and
  - (5) The chaotic condition which exists in relation to food production and the failure to discharge our contractual obligations of supply to Great Britain, arising from the Government's disorganization of the food plans and policies of previous governments.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Francis moved, That Mr. Fadden be granted a further extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Coles	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 15.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Spender
Mr. Anthony	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Bowden	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Spender	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Anthony	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. White	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Coles	Mr. Riordan
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
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		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Customs Act—Customs Proclamations—Nos. 623–625.  
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1972–2071.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Blain\*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde\*, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Watkins\*.

\* On leave.

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