

1945.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, LONDON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the presentation of the views of the Commonwealth Government at the discussions by the Council of Foreign Ministers in London of the terms for a peace settlement with Italy.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—  
Housing—Final Report of Commission appointed under the National Security Regulations.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—No. 47—  
Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union.  
Canberra University College—Report for 1944.  
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1944.  
National Security Act—National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—  
Nos. 95, 96, 98.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance—1945—No. 9—Canberra Community Hospital.  
Regulations—1945—No. 3 (Building and Services Ordinance).
5. STATES GRANTS BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.  
Question—put and passed.  
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, 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
7. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That the Chairman of Committees does not possess the confidence of this House.  
Debate ensued.  
Several Members rising to address the House—  
Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Mr. J. A. Beasley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Francis	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald
Mr. McEwen	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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And so it was negatived.

8. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances . . . . . £8,820

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Menzies, viz.:—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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. Abbott, Mr. Adernann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Coles, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Haylen\*, Mr. Lawson\*, Mr. Mulcahy\*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scully\*, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.