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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page rose in his place, and said that he proposed to moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The extent to which the Commonwealth Literary Fund is being used to subsidize Communists and former Communists in the production of Australian literature".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon 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—  
Sir Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Scullin be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Supply and Shipping—  
W. D. Keating, D. F. Urquhart, J. E. Webb.  
Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 51, 52.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.
5. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard 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. Clark reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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6. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTHERN RHODESIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Southern Rhodesian Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard 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. Clark reported accordingly.

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

7. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard 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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1947.—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.

Mr. Fadden 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past 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. Daly, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scully and Mr. Spender.

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