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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1947.

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. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that no further steps should be taken by the Government towards the nationalization of the banking system without first seeking the authority of the Australian people, were presented as under :—
  - By Mr. McBride, from certain electors of the Division of Wakefield,
  - By Mr. Francis, from certain electors of the Division of Moreton,
  - By Mr. Blain, from certain residents of New Guinea,
  - By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond,
  - By Mr. Corser, from certain electors of the Division of Wide Bay, and
  - By Mr. Cameron, from certain electors of the Division of Barker.
 Petitions severally received and read.
3. 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Commerce and Agriculture—L. White.
  - Interior—T. A. Dalton, L. C. A. Hope, J. F. V. Knight, E. G. Newman, H. Preston-Stanley.
  - Works and Housing—H. Eisler, A. K. Knox, D. Livingston, L. J. Osborne, L. C. Wilson, I. K. Wotherspoon.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Council for Scientific and Industrial Research purposes—Armidale, New South Wales.
  - Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1946-47.
  - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1947—
    - No. 4—First Offenders (Women).
    - No. 5—Police Arbitral Tribunal.
    - No. 6—Motor Traffic.
    - No. 7—Canberra Community Hospital.
  - Regulations—1947—No. 3 (Canberra University College Ordinance).
5. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1946*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1947* and by the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1947*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Barnard 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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## 6. DECLARATION OF ESTIMATES, RESOLUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATION BILL AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) declared—

- (a) That the Estimates of Expenditure are of an urgent nature ;  
 (b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are Urgent Resolutions ; and  
 (c) That the Appropriation Bill is an Urgent Bill.

Question—That the Estimates be considered of an urgent nature, that the Resolutions be considered Urgent Resolutions, and that the Appropriation Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fadden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hutchinson	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Estimates, the Resolutions, and the stages of the Appropriation Bill, be as follows :—

## (1) Estimates—

Attorney-General's Department	.. .. .	} until 6 p.m., this day.
Department of the Interior	.. .. .	
Department of Works and Housing	.. .. .	
Department of Civil Aviation	.. .. .	} until 11 p.m., this day.
Department of Trade and Customs	.. .. .	
Department of Health	.. .. .	
Department of Commerce and Agriculture	.. .. .	} until 4 p.m., Wednesday, 15th October.
Department of Social Services	.. .. .	
Department of Supply and Shipping	.. .. .	
Department of External Territories	.. .. .	} until 8.15 p.m., Wednesday, 15th October.
Department of Immigration	.. .. .	
Department of Labour and National Service	.. .. .	
Department of Transport	.. .. .	} until 6 p.m., Thursday, 16th October.
Department of Information	.. .. .	
Department of Post-war Reconstruction	.. .. .	
Defence and Service Departments	.. .. .	} until 9.15 p.m., Thursday, 16th October.
Production Departments	.. .. .	
Reciprocal Lend-Lease	.. .. .	
Re-establishment and Repatriation	.. .. .	} until 11.15 p.m., Thursday, 16th October.
International Relief and Rehabilitation	.. .. .	
Subsidies	.. .. .	
Miscellaneous	.. .. .	} until 12.30 p.m., Friday, 17th October.
Miscellaneous Services	.. .. .	
Refunds of Revenue	.. .. .	
Advance to the Treasurer	.. .. .	} until 3 p.m., Friday, 17th October.
War (1914-18) Services	.. .. .	
Commonwealth Railways	.. .. .	
Postmaster-General's Department	.. .. .	} until 3 p.m., Friday, 17th October.
Northern Territory	.. .. .	
Australian Capital Territory	.. .. .	
Papua-New Guinea	.. .. .	} until 3 p.m., Friday, 17th October.
Norfolk Island	.. .. .	
Supply Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	.. .. .	
Ways and Means Resolution, and adoption of Resolution	.. .. .	

## (2) Appropriation Bill—All stages

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put and passed.

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7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £528,000"—

Vote—"Department of the Interior, £1,246,700"—  
considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote—"Department of the Interior, £1,246,700"—be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fadden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
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Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Votes agreed to.

Vote—"Department of Works and Housing, £1,902,000"—

Vote—"Department of Civil Aviation, £3,821,000"—

Vote—"Department of Trade and Customs, £1,322,000"—

Vote—"Department of Health, £304,400"—

Vote—"Department of Commerce and Agriculture, £742,800"—  
considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) addressing the Committee—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Holt moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
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Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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*Limitation of Debate.*—At eleven o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

*Question*—That the Votes be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

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Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
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Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Adermann, Mr. Beale, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.