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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the absence of Mr. Holt, Mr. Hutchinson be temporarily appointed in his place as a member of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Supply and Development—
J. J. E. Glover, D. Johnstone.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of Supply and Development purposes—
Hendra, Queensland.
4. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m. ; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m. ; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1948 [No. 2].—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Representation of the Australian Capital Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Lang, viz. :—*That the following words be added to the Address :—

“ and to inform Your Excellency that because the Communist Party, as an agency of a foreign power, admits it owes no allegiance to the Commonwealth of Australia, and because its avowed objective is the overthrow of constitutional government in Australia, with force if necessary, this House is of the opinion that your advisers should be asked to take the following action to deal with the grave emergency rapidly developing within the nation to threaten its security :—

- (a) The Communist Party and its auxiliaries should be declared illegal organizations and necessary legislation should be submitted to this Parliament to deal with them as treasonable agencies ;
- (b) No Communist should be employed by the Commonwealth in any position involving the security of this country ;
- (c) The appointments of all Communists on Government boards and agencies should be terminated immediately ;
- (d) All newspaper and newsprint licences of the Communist Party and its auxiliaries should be withdrawn, and the despatch of its publications through the Post Office should be prohibited ;

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- (e) All premises occupied by Communist organizations (including Marx House, Sydney) should be declared illegal premises, and all telephone facilities should be withdrawn by the Postmaster-General;
- (f) Legislation based on the New South Wales Consorting Act should be introduced, making it illegal for members of the Communist Party to consort together;
- (g) That the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act should be amended to make it an offence for any registered trade union to pay any of its funds into any Communist Party organization"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) was given leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

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