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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

THURSDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr. A. Blenkinsop, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Pensions of the United Kingdom and a Member of the House of Commons, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Report, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the State of South Australia into Electoral Divisions.  
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
4. PROPOSED MOTION OF PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Fadden proposing to move, as a motion of Privilege, That it is a breach of Privilege that the Right Honorable the Leader of the Country Party should be interrogated or sought to be interrogated by Security Police at the instigation of the Prime Minister and the Government in the precincts of Parliament and in his official room in respect of matters occurring in and arising out of the discharge of his public duties in this National Parliament—  
*Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that no claim of breach of Privilege could be sustained and a *prima facie* case had not been made out in respect of the proposed motion which would justify the matter taking precedence over other business.  
*Dissent from Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling:—That the Ruling of the Deputy Speaker—that no claim of breach of Privilege could be sustained and that a *prima facie* case had not been made out in respect of the proposed motion of Privilege submitted by the Right Honorable the Leader of the Country Party which would justify the matter taking precedence over other business—be disagreed with.  
The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

- Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges—  
 Vote—"Defence and Service Departments, £48,722,000"—  
 Vote—"Supply and Development, £8,063,000"—  
 Vote—"Reciprocal Lend-Lease, £100,000"—  
 Vote—"Re-establishment and Repatriation, £29,047,000"—  
 Vote—"International Relief and Rehabilitation, £3,640,000"—  
 Vote—"Subsidies, £19,700,000"—  
 Vote—"Miscellaneous, £1,634,000"—  
 considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That Division No. 191.—Administrative (Miscellaneous—Attorney-General's Department)—be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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

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

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Falstein	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £7,549,000"—

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £10,000,000"—

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £10,000,000"—

Vote—"War (1914–18) Services, £1,137,000"—  
considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At nine o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) 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 Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lazzarini, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams	Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Lang			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £1,886,000"—

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £32,220,000"—  
considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At eleven o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Lazzarini) 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.

7th October, 1948.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lazzarini, in the Chair)--

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
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Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Lang			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Rankin (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—

Report relating to the proposed erection of an Office Building to house Commonwealth Departments in Brisbane.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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. Abbott, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*