

1948.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 21ST 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Social Services Consolidation Act 1948*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 19th October, 1948.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Spender rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The serious penetration, with Governmental approval or permission, of subversive influences into the instruments of Government and the use of Governmental agencies, in particular, the Commonwealth Office of Education for purposes subversive of the interests of Australia, and the use of public moneys to such purposes".
- Mr. Deputy 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—
- Mr. Spender moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.
- Debate ensued.
- Several Members rising to address the House—
- Closure.*—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Acting Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lazzarini, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Lang	Mr. McDonald
Dame Enid Lyons	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Acting Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lazzarini, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
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Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Davidson
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald

Noes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
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And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—A. J. Bowler, K. G. H. Burr, C. L. Callaghan, J. D. Campbell, J. M. Carey, M. Cherny, N. D. Hagarty, J. V. Manley, D. R. McKinlay, W. R. Miles, A. R. Murray.

5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates considered by Parts.

Vote—"Part I.—Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £27,594,000"—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 20 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 21, Government Business.

7. ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison (Acting 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.

8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Part I.—Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £27,594,000"—further debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, I have the honour to

Message No. 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1947', and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st October, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

21st October, 1948.

10. 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 twenty-five minutes to 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. Anthony, Mr. Beale, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Thompson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.