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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 124.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1949.

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. 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 a Wool Textile Research Laboratory at Geelong, Victoria.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anthony 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 failure of the Government to give effect to the findings of its appointed tribunal in respect of the cost of production of butter".
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. Anthony moved, That the House do now adjourn.
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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	

*Tellers:*Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hughes	

*Tellers:*Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lang
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Conelan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Dedman	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—S. R. P. Allen-Rand.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Sydney, New South Wales.
Defence purposes—Nowra, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Concord South, New South Wales.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Fuel) moved, That, on and after the eleventh day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, in lieu of the rate imposed by the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947*, the rate of the charge in respect of the employment of waterside workers be Two pence half-penny for every man-hour of employment.
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.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1949-50.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £4,398,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £665,000"—debated and agreed to.

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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen 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. Abbott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Williams.

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