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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 55.

TUESDAY, 24TH MAY, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Hulme presented a petition from certain residents of the Pine Shire Council area in the State of Queensland praying that the proposed plan for the redistribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions be rejected.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua—Report for year 1952-53.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Taxation—Thirty-third Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1st June, 1954, together with Statistical Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1955, No. 30.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Air—L. S. Olsen.
Army—W. D. Brake, H. J. Collier.
Attorney-General—A. C. Gorsky.
Civil Aviation—I. T. Caudwell.
Interior—M. D. Cooper.
Labour and National Service—M. B. Duggan.
National Development—P. R. Dunn, E. J. Malone, T. Quinlan, K. G. Smith, R. D. Stevens.
Treasury—A. T. Symons.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Twentieth Report—Supplementary Estimates, Variations under Section 37 of the *Audit Act* 1901-1954 and Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the year 1953-54.
Ordered to be printed.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—CONTROL OF TRADE UNIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that both the honorable Member for Melbourne (Mr. Calwell) and the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Keon) had presented to him written statements of definite matters of urgent public importance proposed to be submitted to the House for discussion to-day. In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 106A, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr. Keon, namely, "The renewed drive of the Communist Party to recapture control of key trade unions following the attempted disbandment of and attacks upon A.L.P. Industrial Groups".
Proposed Motion of Dissent.—Mr. Calwell submitted that both matters presented to Mr. Speaker should be placed before the House, and proposed to move a Motion of Dissent from Mr. Speaker's action in selecting the subject presented by the honorable Member for Yarra.
Several Members addressed the House.
Mr. Speaker stated that a Motion of Dissent would not be in order, and pointed out that he had not given a ruling but had exercised the authority of the Chair pursuant to Standing Order No. 106A. No provision existed in that Standing Order for canvassing the opinion of the Chair given in accordance therewith.

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Mr. Speaker then 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. Keon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. C. R. Cameron rising to address the House—

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Allan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Beale	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bland	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Keon	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fitzgerald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1955-56.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Amendments made by the House in the following Bill:—

24th May, 1955—*Message No. 67*—Trade Marks 1955.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

24th May, 1955—*Message*—

No. 68—Wool Realization (Distribution of Profits) 1955.

No. 69—Hide and Leather Industries Legislation Repeal 1955.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Andrews, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bryson, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Costa, Mr. Crean, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison*, Mr. Joshua, Mr. Joske, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Timson, Mr. Ward and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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