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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 77.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DURATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY ACT AND CONTINUATION OF WAR LOADINGS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the time the National Security Act will continue in force and to the period during which war loadings in industry will remain.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 125.
4. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to Housing, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Dedman then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Menzies (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.
5. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—
The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,820
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be agreed to.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.
Debate continued.

Mr. White moved, That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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Mr. Falstein having been called to order by the Chair for referring to a previous debate—

Point of Order.—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Anthony that it was competent to discuss the subject of demobilization of the Forces—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled that it was not in order to revive a debate already concluded.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Harrison having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt		Mr. Daly	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser	Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy	Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Proposed Point of Order.—Mr. Anthony proposing to raise a Point of Order that the Committee was precluded from discussing matters covered by the Orders of the Day on the Notice Paper—

The Chairman informed the Committee that he was not prepared to rule on hypothetical questions but would deal with such matters as they arose.

Proposed Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Spender having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that such a motion would not be in order for the reason that the Chair had not given a ruling.

Mr. Spender proposing to move a motion of want of confidence in the Chairman of Committees—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that notice of such a motion must be given at the proper time.

Member named and suspended.—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Anthony) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Richmond be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Francis	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Anthony) be suspended from the service of the House.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender proposing to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a motion of want of confidence in the Chairman of Committees being moved forthwith—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that such a motion would not be in order for the reasons that the honorable Member was not entitled to be called at this stage and that a motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders could not be moved in Committee.

Mr. Holt proposing to move, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the motion was out of order as an honorable Member could not propose such a motion during the speech of another honorable Member.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. White moved, That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Holt		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Corser	Mr. Makin	Mr. Daly
Mr. Menzies	Mr. McDonald	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Spender
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Williams	Mr. Corser	
Mr. Fraser		Mr. Fadden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. James	Mr. Daly	Mr. McEwen	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Makin	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Ryan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Blain*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Haylen*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lawson*, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Mulcahy*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scully*, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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