

1945-46.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Twentieth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1944-45, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 National Security Act—
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2416 2457.
 National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order—Deferment of banking business.
4. "AUSTRALIA FIRST MOVEMENT" INQUIRY—REPORT OF COMMISSIONER—PRINTING OF PAPER.—
 The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Beasley (Minister for Defence), That the Paper [*presented on the 12th September, 1945*], viz. :—
 "Australia First Movement" Inquiry—Report of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Clyde) appointed under the National Security Regulations—
 be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"a Commission be appointed, consisting of a Justice of the High Court of Australia, a Member of the Government and a Member of the Opposition Parties, as may be agreed upon by the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Country Party, to investigate and assess the compensation, if any, which should be paid to the 'Australia First' internees for the loss of income and status in the community which they unjustly suffered through their internment"*—
 Debate resumed.
 Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) be granted extensions of time (2).
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Clark
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutcheson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Ryan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

15th March, 1946.

5. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1946.—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.

Mr. Sheehy 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Spender.

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