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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 130.

FRIDAY, 26TH JULY, 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. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, taking precedence of all other business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
3. **PRIVILEGE.**—Mr. Holt, as a matter of Privilege, asked whether Mr. Speaker had arranged for the recorded broadcast of certain proceedings in the House yesterday to be played back to a limited number of people, and, if so, by what authority such action was taken, in view of the appointment by Parliament of a Joint Committee to regulate the broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings.
Mr. Speaker stated that the Chair wanted to satisfy itself on the details of a certain incident which took place in the House yesterday to ensure that no injustice had been done to an honorable Member.
4. **MR. SPEAKER—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.**—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker does not possess the confidence of this House.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker having ruled that no reflection could be made on any Vote of the House and that reference could not be made to previous debates—
Point of Order.—Mr. Spender raised a Point of Order that, when a motion of want of confidence in Mr. Speaker was being considered, the rule with respect to referring to previous debates did not apply, and that it was in order to refer to any event.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the Standing Orders must be observed in any circumstances. Debate continued.
Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
Mr. Harrison seeking to raise a Point of Order—
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that no Point of Order could be taken on the Closure at this stage.
Privilege.—Mr. Harrison raised a question of Privilege in that, as seconder of the motion, he had been given leave to reserve his remarks, and asked whether the Closure could be moved before he had made his speech.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion for the Closure was in order and pointed out that the House was about to decide whether the honorable Member would have an opportunity to make his speech.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaba	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 23.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy
Mr. McDonald	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Francis	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Holt		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
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Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Smith
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		Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

5. BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, he had inquired of the New Zealand Government whether the question had ever been raised of providing means of reply to a member of the public attacked in Parliamentary proceedings, and had been informed that no special provision existed and that such a situation had not arisen. Mr. Speaker also informed the House that the Joint Committee had considered the matter and had decided that no action should be taken at this stage but that the matter be deferred for consideration by the Committee to be appointed by the next Parliament.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 108.
7. ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1946.—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. Holt 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. FINANCIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), That the Paper [*presented on the 12th July*], viz. :—
Financial Statement by the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., Treasurer—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 12th July, 1946 (*see pages 400-2*).

Mr. Fadden moved, That paragraph 1 be postponed.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Watkins.

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