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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 133.

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. James (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed Batman Automatic Telephone Exchange, Flinders-lane, Melbourne.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SINGAPORE EXPLOIT, 1943—AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing to the House the awards for gallantry conferred upon certain British and Australian officers and men of the Services who, in 1943, after a hazardous journey, entered Japanese-occupied territory and carried out a successful attack on enemy shipping in Singapore harbour.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
United Nations—Atomic Energy Commission—Statement of Australia's participation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—A. F. Kurrle.
National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 125.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 118.
5. COAL INDUSTRY 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. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That Mr. Hughes be granted an extension of time.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.

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

Noes, 36.

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

And so it was negatived.
Debate continued.

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And the House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1946.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Holt	Mr. Guy
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Johnson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the definition of "coal" (page 2, lines 27 and 28) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the definition proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
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Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Smith		
Mr. James			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping), the following amendment was made:—

Page 2, line 36, omit "accepted", insert "excepted".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5—

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.

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

And then the House at five minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLeod, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

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

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