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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

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. RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the retirement on the 30th November of Mr. G. H. Romans, Principal Parliamentary Reporter, and referred to the service rendered to Parliament by this officer.
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Fadden also addressed the House in similar terms.
3. NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the principles which should apply in selecting persons to be nominated for appointment as Governor-General.
Mr. Fadden and Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declaration—No. 159:
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1946—
No. 35—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
No. 36—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 37—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 38—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Supply and Shipping—
N. H. Fisher.
Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 123.
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2768-2790.
Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 167.
War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 164.

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5. ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FROM MIDDLE EAST—MOTION FOR TABBING PAPERS.—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House—
- the papers relating to the entry of 200 alien immigrants who arrived from the Middle East on the *Strathmore*,
 - the original applications for permission to enter, together with the recommendations thereon, and
 - the text of the representations made through Australia House to the British Ministry of Transport which led to the withholding of 200 berths from passengers stranded in England in order to accommodate migrants from the Middle East.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day, Government Business, were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

Point of Order.—Mr. Lang raised a Point of Order that, as General Business has precedence until 9 o'clock p.m., and, as there are no Orders of the Day, General Business, the debate on the Notice of Motion, General Business, should proceed.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that Standing Order No. 119 provides that if all motions shall not have been disposed of two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day shall be taken, unless the House otherwise orders.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th December.

6. MEMBERS NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Wentworth (Mr. Harrison) for not withdrawing an unparliamentary expression and apologizing when requested by the Chair to do so.

Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Anthony) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the honorable Member for Wentworth and the honorable Member for Richmond be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. WAYS AND MEANS ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
- Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
- Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. 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.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £8,870

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Menzies, viz.:—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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Mr. Cameron proposing to raise a matter of Privilege—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Clark) ruled that a question of Privilege was one for the House and not for the Committee.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Cameron 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. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

General debate concluded.

Question—That the item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. James	
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £235,400"—agreed to.

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £1,868,200"—debated.

Point of Order.—Mr. McEwen raised a Point of Order that the Right Honorable the Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) had referred to him in unparliamentary language and asked for a withdrawal of the expression.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Sheehan) ruled that the expression was not unparliamentary.

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

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
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		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	
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		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Daly
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two 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. Conelan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Lawson*, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

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