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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1947.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Australian Broadcasting Act—Fourteenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1945-46.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Commerce and Agriculture—W. G. T. Laffan.
 - Post-war Reconstruction—R. E. Cameron, J. D. C. Robertson.
 - Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 187.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Essendon, Victoria.
 - Postal purposes—Clare, South Australia.
3. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE ASSESSMENT BILL 1947.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 28th February, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Charge in respect of the Employment of Waterside Workers*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Evatt 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.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
5. WAYS AND MEANS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved—

1. That a charge be imposed in respect of the employment of waterside workers after the commencement of the Act passed to give effect to this resolution.
2. That the rate of the charge be four and one-half pence for every man-hour of employment.
3. That the charge in respect of the employment of any waterside workers be paid by the employer of those waterside workers.
4. That expressions used in this resolution have the same meanings as those expressions have in the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Assessment Bill 1947*.
5. That the Act passed to give effect to this resolution come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—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. Corser 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.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.