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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1947.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
 - Aborigines located within the Range for Guided Projectiles—Report on Welfare by Australian Committee.
 - Canadian Royal Commission appointed to investigate the facts relating to and the circumstances surrounding the communication, by public officials and other persons in positions of trust, of secret and confidential information to agents of a foreign power—Report.
 - United Nations—Food and Agriculture Organization—Second Session, held at Copenhagen, September, 1946—Report of Australian Delegation.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. IMMIGRATION—ADMISSION OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the admission into Australia of refugees and displaced persons from Europe and Shanghai, and particularly those of the Jewish faith. Mr. Calwell then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 - Immigration, Admission of Refugees and Displaced Persons—Ministerial Statement—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. White 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.
5. ROCKET BOMB TESTING RANGE IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.—Mrs. Blackburn moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House—
 - (1) the proposal to establish a rocket bomb testing range in Central Australia is an act of injustice to a weaker people who have no voice in the ordering of their own lives ; is a betrayal of our responsibility to guard the human rights of those who cannot defend themselves ; and a violation of the various Charters that have sought to bring about world peace, and
 - (2) such action is against the interests of the whole of the people in this Commonwealth.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

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Mr. Holt moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on the motion being continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hutchinson	

Noes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Gaha	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lang	Mr. Ryan

Noes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FROM MIDDLE EAST—MOTION FOR TABLING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lang:—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—

Point of Order.—Sir Earle Page raised a Point of Order as to whether, under Standing Order No. 119, the decision to resume the consideration of Notices of Motion, General Business, after disposing of the Order of the Day, General Business, was one for the House or the Government..

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Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that Standing Order No. 119 provided that consideration of Notices of Motion may be resumed after the Order of the Day was disposed of, but the question was one for the House to decide.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Daly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mrs. Blackburn	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lang	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. James			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS. —Mr. Fadden moved, That Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be considered forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—Mr. Cameron raised a Point of Order that the Notice Paper indicates that General Business has precedence until 9 o'clock p.m., and that the Order of the Day, General Business, having been disposed of, the Notices of Motion, General Business, not yet considered by the House should take precedence of all other business.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that while some portions of Standing Order No. 119 were mandatory, the question of whether the discussion of Notices of Motion, General Business, should be continued after the Order of the Day, General Business, was disposed of was a matter for the decision of the House.

Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. James	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

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, 28.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain Employees of the Repatriation Commission and of the War Service Homes Commission, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,
President.

9. PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. McEwen moved, That Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, be considered forthwith.
Debate ensued.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

10. SUPPLY ["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 Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Daly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question— put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

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