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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Joint House Department—T. E. Govan,
R. W. Hillyer.
Nationality Act—Return for 1946.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
5. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Papers [*presented on the 26th February, 1947—see page 85*] be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Evatt was granted an extension of time to conclude his speech.
Question—put and passed.
6. ALIENS 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.
Question—put and passed. 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 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 5 agreed to.
 Clause 6 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 12 to 17 agreed to.
 Clause 18 debated.
 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.

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7. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT—REPORT OF FIRST SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th February, 1947*], viz. :—

United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Report of First Session of Preparatory Committee—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Beazley 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AIR NAVIGATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to approve the Ratification on behalf of Australia of the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on the seventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 26th March, 1947.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

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