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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 67.

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion (Want of Confidence in the Government) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.  
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House—
  - (a) notes the statements publicly made by the Right Honorable the Prime Minister to the effect that the Government proposes to introduce during the present Session a Bill or Bills to nationalize banking ;
  - (b) further notes that the result of such legislation would be to create a Government banking monopoly exercising a single political control over the financial affairs and therefore the business, industrial and individual freedoms of Australian citizens ;
  - (c) places on record the fact that no such proposal was put before the people at the last election and that therefore no mandate for such legislation was either asked for or obtained by the Government ;
  - (d) is of opinion that such legislation should not be passed against the desires and opinions of the majority of electors, and should therefore not operate until approved either by a general election or by referendum ;
  - (e) believes that the Government's announced intention to act without such approval is an attack upon the whole basis of democracy and is a grossly improper and tyrannical attempt to exercise power against the popular will and in denial of the rights of self-government, and therefore
  - (f) declares that it no longer has confidence in the Government.

Debate ensued.

*Member named and suspended.*—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) named the honorable Member for Wentworth (Mr. Harrison) for reflecting on the Chair.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the honorable Member for Wentworth be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	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. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 28.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for a week, this being his second occasion of suspension, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	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. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

## Noes, 27.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	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	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hutchinson	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## Ayes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	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	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

## Noes, 40.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

## 4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1947; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.

The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declaration—No. 162.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 112.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—

Nos. 52 and 53—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 54—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 55—Australian Journalists' Association.

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- No. 56—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 No. 57—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.  
 No. 58—Australian Journalists' Association.  
 No. 59—Non-Official Postmasters' Association.  
 No. 60—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.  
 No. 61—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 No. 62—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; Federated Clerks' Union of Australia; and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 Nos. 63 and 64—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Department of Trade and Customs.  
 No. 65—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.  
 No. 66—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia) and others.  
 No. 67—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 68—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 69—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 70—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.  
 No. 71—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.  
 No. 73—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 74—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.  
 No. 75—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 72, 106, 107.  
 Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 102.  
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—T. J. Hennessy.  
 Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 96.  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—  
 Appointments—Department—  
 Attorney-General—B. F. L. Crommelin, J. J. Dale, T. A. Draper, K. S. Edmunds, J. Hamlyn-Harris, C. W. Harders, H. C. Harris, R. J. Humby, R. W. Jew, V. E. McCarthy.  
 Civil Aviation—J. S. Arthur, B. R. Beaver, W. G. Burns, P. B. Burton, J. D. H. Cook, D. H. V. Davies, G. C. Davison, W. D. Doble, R. M. Ferrari, S. M. Green, G. A. T. Haddock, A. A. Hawes, C. R. Hibbert, A. J. Holloway, P. H. N. Jones, W. K. Knight, P. S. Langford, A. R. McIntyre, A. Morley, A. E. Reaby, R. W. Ridley, D. S. Stewart, W. A. Stone, L. A. Storey, I. S. Tenenbaum, C. F. Thompson, T. W. Trew, R. F. Waite.  
 Commerce and Agriculture—J. P. Carney, H. W. Chaffey, F. O. Grogan, T. H. Strong.  
 Health—S. G. Barr, J. Couani, E. J. F. De Salis, J. de Vidas, W. Hillyer, F. J. Moss, K. G. Outhred, D. J. Pittar, K. C. Porter, R. J. Riddell, M. L. Verso.  
 Interior—G. G. Bradbury, E. M. Chadwick, R. W. Coxon, A. L. Green, M. Lurie, D. E. Macinnis, J. M. Milne.  
 Labour and National Service—F. K. Bool, W. C. Lewisson, I. G. Sharp, M. M. Silberstein.  
 Postmaster-General—A. F. Sando.  
 Post-war Reconstruction—J. S. Ballantyne, C. H. Hoffman.  
 Supply and Shipping—C. Bie, R. W. Carmichael, K. R. Fleischmann, B. H. Stinear.  
 Treasury—R. J. Whitelaw.  
 Works and Housing—F. H. Adderley, J. T. Ballenger, F. C. Bannister, J. C. Beagley, S. H. Bedford, W. A. Brown, W. S. Clark, W. P. Cocking, F. J. H. Crocker, K. Crockford, R. L. Cupples, R. Doughty, J. A. Fogarty, R. S. Forster, R. G. Freeman, W. A. Graham, T. A. Grano, W. D. Green, F. M. Hamilton, D. G. Howes, W. H. Hunt, A. M. Jericho, L. A. Johnston, E. M. Kendall, J. A. Kingston, A. W. Lawton, E. N. Leahy, C. K. Mann, J. D. McColl, M. P. McGregor, I. McInnes, G. R. Meredith, A. W. Mowle, L. Mutton, E. H. Olson, D. M. Pate, J. C. Paul, A. J. P. Porter, M. A. Rogan, G. A. Rowe, W. D. Ryan, D. L. Shallard, R. O. Shephard, M. A. Smith, G. G. Springthorpe, A. T. Taylor, R. M. Taylor, A. S. Tillotson, R. M. Ure, A. P. Van Epen, J. C. Wade, T. H. Wellington, E. H. Wright.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 123.  
 Commonwealth Railways Act—By-law No. 87.  
 Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 117.  
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 66, 80, 81, 82, 83, 94, 95, 105, 116, 119.  
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 118.  
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 76, 110.  
 Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 120.  
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
 National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Orders—War service land settlement—  
 Queensland (dated 13th June, 1947).  
 Victoria (7—dated 29th May, 1947, 5th June, 1947, 4th July, 1947, 14th July, 1947, 30th July, 1947, 11th August, 1947, and 14th August, 1947).  
 National Security (Egg Industry) Regulations—Order—Egg industry (No. 13).  
 National Security (Enemy Property) Regulations—Order—Persons ceasing to be enemy subjects.

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- National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—Cream (Disposal and use).  
 National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Control of essential materials (No. 20).  
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (298).  
 National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 62.  
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2934 (substitute copy), 2956, 2966–3029, 3035.  
 National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 144, 145.  
 National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1947, Nos. 25–43.  
 National Security (Tea Control) Regulations—Order—Chicory control—Revocation.  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 57, 67, 69, 70, 75, 79, 86, 88, 97, 98, 99, 113.  
 Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 84.  
 Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 115.  
 Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 109.  
 Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 89.  
 Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 85.  
 Forestry and Timber Bureau Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 111.  
 Hospital Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 56.  
 Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 77.  
 Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 108.  
 Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Dated 11th June, 1947 (Statutory Rules 1947, No. 90).  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
   Administrative purposes—Berry Springs, Northern Territory.  
   Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Perth, Western Australia.  
   Defence purposes—  
     Albury, New South Wales.  
     Cairns, Queensland.  
     Camp Hill, Queensland.  
     Eagle Farm, Queensland.  
     Geraldton, Western Australia.  
     Hamilton, Victoria.  
     Kermode (near Ross), Tasmania.  
     Mascot, New South Wales.  
     Midland Junction, Western Australia.  
     Nudgee, Queensland.  
     Parafield, South Australia.  
     Parkes, New South Wales.  
     Port Stephens, New South Wales.  
     Wingfield, South Australia.  
   Department of Civil Aviation purposes—  
     Bundaberg, Queensland.  
     Mackay, Queensland.  
     Nhill, Victoria.  
     Wyndham, Western Australia.  
   Department of the Interior purposes—Broome, Western Australia.  
   Postal purposes—  
     Adelaide, South Australia.  
     Bairnsdale, Victoria.  
     Blackall, Queensland.  
     Brunswick, Victoria.  
     Bulla, Victoria.  
     Camp Hill, Queensland.  
     Carlton, Victoria.  
     Chermside, Queensland.  
     Clare, South Australia.  
     Cremorne, New South Wales.  
     Dubbo, New South Wales.  
     Fortitude Valley, Queensland.  
     Gunning, New South Wales.  
     Haymarket (Sydney), New South Wales.  
     Jamestown, South Australia.  
     Keilor, Victoria.  
     Moreland, Victoria.  
     Narooma, New South Wales.  
     Orbost, Victoria.  
     Pinjarra, Western Australia.  
     Punchbowl, New South Wales.  
     Toowoomba, Queensland.  
     Walkerville, South Australia.  
     Warrnambool, Victoria.  
     Westbury, Tasmania.  
     West Leederville, Western Australia.  
     Yarram, Victoria.  
 Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 74.  
 Nationality Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 92, 104.

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- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 121.  
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 125.  
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinances—1947—  
     No. 2—Jurors and Witnesses Payment.  
     No. 3—Darwin Town Area Leases.  
     No. 4—Local Courts.  
     Regulations—1947—No. 1 (Darwin Short Term Leases Ordinance).  
 Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 68.  
 Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1946–47.  
 Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—1947—  
     No. 5—Workers' Compensation.  
     No. 6—Supply (No. 3) 1946–1947.  
     No. 7—Appropriation 1945–1946.  
     No. 8—Petroleum (New Guinea).  
     No. 9—Petroleum (Papua).  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 91, 114.  
 Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 73.  
 Railways Standardization Agreement Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 71.  
 Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1946.  
 Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 87, 100.  
 Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 124.  
 Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 78.  
 Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1946–47.  
 Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 103.  
 Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1946–47.  
 War Service Homes Act—  
     Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 93.  
     Supplemental Agreement, dated 7th July, 1947, between the War Service Homes  
     Commissioner and the State of Western Australia.  
 Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1946–47.  
 Wire Netting Bounty Act—Return for year 1946–47.  
 Wool (Contributory Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 101.

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

And then the House, at twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Evatt,  
 Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hughes, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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