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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 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. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that no further steps should be taken by the Government towards the nationalization of the banking system without first seeking the authority of the Australian people, were presented as under :—
 - By Mr. Harrison, from certain electors of the Division of Wentworth,
 - By Sir Earle Page, from certain electors of the Division of Cowper,
 - By Mr. Abbott, from certain electors of the Division of New England, and
 - By Mr. Cameron, from certain electors of the State of South Australia.
 Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 126.
 - Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 131.
 - Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 132.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 122, 134.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—War service land settlement—Victoria (dated 29th August, 1947).
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3030-3034, 3036-3078.
 - National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 141.
 - National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1947, Nos. 44-47.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 128.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 130, 135, 136.
 - Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1-9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 133.
 - War Gratuity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 127.
 - Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 129.
4. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) withdrew Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, standing in his name, for giving precedence to Government Business.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—“Department of External Affairs, £1,032,000”—further debated.

Member named.—The Chairman (Mr. Clark) named the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Anthony) for insolence to the Chair.

Mr. Anthony having apologized, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Barnard, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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