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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 74.

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 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. 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. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond, and
By Mr. Cameron, from certain residents of Macclesfield, South Australia.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointments—N. J. Anderson, E. Chadwick, V. C. Chapman, A. Doubikin, J. A. Gardiner, D. A. Gillespie, W. B. Green, F. J. Hay, H. F. Hely, A. G. Johnson, J. Kershaw, T. R. V. Lloyd, C. H. Lord, G. G. G. Neave, E. J. R. B. Pike, M. B. Renton, A. J. Stock, S. N. Thorne, J. L. Wall.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works and Housing—W. J. Baker, H. M. Beavis, L. A. Butler, J. R. L. Copley, M. S. D. de Plater, R. F. Emery, M. Gilchrist, W. Hingee, F. K. Hosking, F. S. Howell, K. W. Jack, W. A. Marshall, M. D. McNicholl, T. R. Nossiter, C. M. Price, A. A. Rowlands, L. G. Schultz, W. A. Storey, L. B. Thompson, G. H. Williams, T. L. G. Williams.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Mentone, Victoria.
Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1947—No. 10—Police Offences (Papua).
4. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Fadden withdrew Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, standing in his name.
5. OBJECTION TO DEPUTY SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice, That the ruling of the Deputy Speaker—That the honorable Member for Balaclava should resume his seat for continued irrelevance—be disagreed with.
Debate ensued.
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, 33.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
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. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Lang	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

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, 26.

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

Noes, 35.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lang
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
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. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 23rd October.

7. STANDING ORDER NO. 280—PROPOSED AMENDMENT.—Mr. Spender moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 280 be amended by adding thereto the following:—“or (4) by leave of the Member speaking, to address a question to such Member”.

Debate ensued.

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.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. 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 lead to the withholding of 200 berths from passengers stranded in England in order to accommodate migrants from the Middle East—

Debate resumed.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Clark	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holloway	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hutchinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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9. ADMINISTRATION OF NEW GUINEA AND TERRITORIES—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. White :—That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the following :—

- (a) the inadequacy of the administration which has been set up under the New Guinea Act ;
- (b) the failure of the administration to maintain production of essential commodities ;
- (c) the lack of a policy for the economic development of the Territories which could proceed hand in hand with a progressive native policy ;
- (d) the unbalanced native policy and its adverse effect upon the natives and upon economic development ; and
- (e) the unrest which exists in the Public Service in the Territories due to unsettled conditions and the failure of the Government to provide suitable living conditions, adequate classification, and to deal with the high cost of living—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Lawson 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, 25.	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lawson	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Clark	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

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.

10. WAYS AND MEANS ["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 Ways and Means—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Conelan 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. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past ten 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. Abbott, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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