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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 75.

FRIDAY, 3RD 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. Fadden, from certain electors of the Division of Darling Downs,
  - By Mr. Adermann, from certain electors of the Division of Maranoa,
  - By Mr. Blain, from certain electors of the State of South Australia or the Northern Territory, and
  - By Mr. Turnbull, from certain electors of the Division of Wimmera.
 Petitions severally received and read.  
 Mr. Anthony presented a Petition from certain electors of the Divisions of Richmond and New England, 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, and moved, That the Petition be received.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Petition read.  
 Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from certain residents of Rendelsham, South Australia, praying that there should be no alteration of the existing system of Commonwealth and private banking.  
 Petition received and read.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
 Question—put and passed.
4. 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 and agreed to.  
 Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £3,445,500"—debated.  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed : Mr. Clark reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Beale, Mr. Burke, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. **McLeod**, Mr. Menzies, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

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