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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1947.

1. The House met, at three 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. Abbott, from certain electors of the Division of New England,
 - By Mr. Hamilton, from certain electors of the State of Western Australia,
 - By Mr. McBride, from certain electors of the Division of Wakefield,
 - By Mr. Blain, from certain residents of the Northern Territory,
 - By Mr. Francis, from certain electors of the Division of Moreton, and
 - By Mr. Cameron, from certain residents of Mount Barker, South Australia.
 Petitions severally received and read.
3. 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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Peace Treaties between the Allied and Associated Powers of the one part, and, of the other part—
 - Italy.
 - Roumania.
 - Hungary.
 - Finland.
 - Bulgaria.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Civil Aviation—R. W. Keating.
 - Health—W. H. H. Cornford, R. M. W. Cunningham, G. M. Dallimore, C. C. Fenton, R. W. Hawker, A. H. Humphrey, L. L. Lock, J. G. McGlashan, A. G. Schroeder.
 - Labour and National Service—P. D. Prendergast, F. N. Simpson.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (11).
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Nowra, New South Wales.
 - Wollongong, New South Wales.
 - Lands Acquisition Act and Lands Acquisition Ordinance of the Northern Territory—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Batchelor, Northern Territory.
5. TREATY OF PEACE (ITALY) BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Treaty of Peace with Italy, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison 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.

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6. TREATY OF PEACE (ROUMANIA) BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Treaty of Peace with Roumania, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. TREATY OF PEACE (HUNGARY) BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Treaty of Peace with Hungary, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. TREATY OF PEACE (FINLAND) BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Treaty of Peace with Finland, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. TREATY OF PEACE (BULGARIA) BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Treaty of Peace with Bulgaria, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National University Act 1946*, as amended by the *Australian National University Act 1947*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Dedman then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison 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.
11. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of the Treasury, £3,445,500"—further debated.

Mr. Corser addressing the Committee and having been repeatedly called to order for irrelevance, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Sheehy) directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech, and the honorable Member for Wide Bay so requiring—

Question—That the honorable Member for Wide Bay be further heard—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Sheehy, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.

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

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Johnson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. O'Connor
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. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Debate continued.

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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen 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. Beale, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Hadley, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.