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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 77.

THURSDAY, 9TH 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 Mr. Hamilton, from certain electors of the State of Western Australia,
By Mr. Cameron, from certain electors of the State of South Australia, and
By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond.

Petitions severally received and read.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Contract Immigrants Act—Returns for 1945 and 1946.
Immigration Act—Returns for 1945 and 1946.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946*.

Canberra, 4th October, 1947.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Dedman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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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5. 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 and agreed to.

Vote—"Attorney-General's Department, £528,000"—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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three 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. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

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