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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 80.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH 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 Sir Earle Page, from certain electors of the Division of Cowper,
  - By Mr. Francis, from certain electors of the Division of Moreton,
  - By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond,
  - By Mr. Howse, from certain electors of the Division of Calare,
  - By Mr. Hamilton, from certain electors of the State of Western Australia,
  - By Mr. Cameron, from certain residents of the State of South Australia, and
  - By Mr. Blain, from certain residents of New Guinea.
 Petitions severally received and read.
3. POINT OF ORDER.—Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, having been called on—
 

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) referred to paragraphs (II.) and (VIII.) of Standing Order No. 262A, and submitted that the Estimates of Expenditure for 1947-48 having been declared to be of an urgent nature and times having been fixed for their consideration, such Estimates had priority of other business until disposed of.

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that, in accordance with the practice of the House, the times fixed were terminating times, and that although the Estimates had been declared urgent the House should not be prevented from conducting other business.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936-1946, as amended by the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1947, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
5. BANKING BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Banking and for other purposes.  
Debate ensued.  
Several Members rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

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Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fadden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

*Tellers:*Mr. Corser  
Mr. Falkinder

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
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Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

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Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	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. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

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Mr. Falkinder

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Eggs. Question—put and passed.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Vote—"Department of Social Services, £792,000"—

Vote—"Department of Supply and Shipping, £4,795,000"—

Vote—"Department of External Territories, £64,000"—

Vote—"Department of Immigration, £1,775,500"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At four o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

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Vote—" Department of Labour and National Service, £1,178,300 "—

Vote—" Department of Transport, £54,000 "—

Vote—" Department of Information, £333,900 "—

Vote—" Department of Post-war Reconstruction, £711,000 "—  
considered together.

Votes debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes past eight o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. BANKING BILL 1947—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act relating to Banking and for other purposes* ", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 27.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading of the Bill being moved forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Mr Harrison addressing the House—

*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, 41.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. James	

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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. Francis	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
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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)—

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Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

*Tellers:*

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Mr. Falkinder

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley be granted an extension of 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.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges—

Vote—"Defence and Service Departments, £65,782,000"—

Vote—"Production Departments, £9,248,000"—

Vote—"Reciprocal Lend-Lease, £300,000"—

Vote—"Re-establishment and Repatriation, £30,959,000"—

Vote—"International Relief and Rehabilitation, £4,025,000"—

Vote—"Subsidies, £26,050,000"—

Vote—"Miscellaneous, £2,384,000"—

considered together.

Votes debated.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Beale, Mr. Evatt, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Scullin.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.