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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 86.

FRIDAY, 24TH 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.—Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition from certain electors of the State of Western Australia, 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.  
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. Adermann, from certain electors of the Division of Maranoa,  
By Mr. Corser, from certain electors of the Division of Wide Bay, and  
By Mr. Davidson, from certain electors of the Division of Capricornia.  
Petitions received and read.
3. PROPOSED MOTION OF PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Holt proposing to move, as a motion of Privilege, That it is not a breach of Privilege for an honorable Member to discuss the decision of a Statutory Committee exercising an executive function when such a decision is not required by statute to be reported to the House—  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the proposed motion was not a matter of Privilege.  
*Dissent from Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Spender handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling :—That the Ruling of the Speaker—that the motion proposed to be moved by Mr. Holt was not a matter of privilege—be disagreed with.  
The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account, together with Auditor-General's report thereon, for year ended 28th February, 1947.  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Orders—  
Exemption.  
War service land settlement—Victoria (dated 29th September, 1947).  
National Security (Enemy Property) Regulations—Order—Persons ceasing to be enemy subjects.  
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3098-3113.  
National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order—Prohibition of works near aerodromes.  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1946-47.  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1946-47.
5. BANKING BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Bowden 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1947-48.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 73.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 74.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Act 1901-1936 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS BILL 1947.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 75.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ New Zealand Re-exports Act 1924 ’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1947-48.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate that sum* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 24th October, 1947.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale\*, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Scullin.

\* On leave.

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