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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 88.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past two 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. Harrison (for Mr. Beale), from certain electors of the Division of Parramatta, and  
By Mr. Francis, from certain electors of the Division of Moreton.  
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.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Rankin (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the erection of Permanent Administration Offices, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.  
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
5. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the result of the recent negotiations at Geneva and of the provisional application by the Government of the draft agreement on tariffs and trade.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. McEwen and Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—  
W. J. MCKELL,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 52.*  
A Proposed Law intituled "*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1947-48*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.  
Government House,  
Canberra, 28th October, 1947.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, Queensland.

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8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS — REFERENCE OF WORK — ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AT CANBERRA FOR THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report; viz. :—The erection, at Canberra, of a three-storied building to accommodate the administrative staff of the Divisions of Economic Entomology and Plant Industry of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—

Question—put and passed.

9. 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. Corser 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.

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 six 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. Falkinder and Mr. Scullin\*.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*