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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 90.

FRIDAY, 31ST 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. PETITION.—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.
Petition received and read.
 3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Labour and National Service—A. M. Stephen.
 4. PERMANENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, CANBERRA.—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations:—The erection of Permanent Administration Offices, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
Question—put and passed.
 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. Fuller 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.
 6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at half-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. Beazley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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