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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 91.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1947.

1. The House met at fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m.—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. Francis, from certain electors of the State of Queensland, and
By Mr. Holt, from certain electors of the Division of Fawkner.
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.
Question—put and passed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General. *Message No. 53.*
Proposed Laws intituled :—
“ *Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Act 1947* ”
“ *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1947* ”
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 Laws.
Melbourne,
1st November, 1947.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—R. R. Dunstan.
Works and Housing—S. C. Banbrook, K. L. Crowe, H. V. Elcock, H. H. Forder, R. C. Frith,
H. K. Graham, R. H. Greenwood, W. R. Moir, H. G. Pechey, R. E. Pennington,
W. A. Stoker, R. G. Thornthwaite, A. J. Try.
6. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1947.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946* and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Dedman 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. 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. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.

8. 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 eight minutes past 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. Anthony, Mr. Beale*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Burke, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Spender and Mr. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.