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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 114.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1948.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Commonwealth Disposals Commission—Third Annual Report, for year ended 31st August, 1947.
  - United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Memorandum showing alteration of Tariff Duties (*in substitution for the Paper tabled on the 18th November, 1947*).
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Post-war Reconstruction—F. H. Williamson.
3. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT—SECOND SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), That the Paper [*presented on the 11th November, 1947*], viz. :—
  - United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Second Session of Preparatory Committee—Ministerial Statement—
  - be printed—
  - Debate resumed.
  - Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) from concluding his speech without interruption.
  - Question—put and passed.
  - Debate continued.
  - Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fadden from concluding his speech without interruption.
  - Question—put and passed.
  - Debate continued.
  - Mr. Thompson 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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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Beale, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin\*, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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