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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 117.

THURSDAY, 4TH MARCH, 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. NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY.—Dame Enid Lyons moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That the formulation of a comprehensive national population policy can no longer be delayed, in view of Australia's responsibilities to herself and her relation to the outside world.
 - (2) That while neglecting no phase of the problem, whether social, psychological, economic or racial, such a policy, having regard to the general decline in the birth-rate, must place first emphasis upon the welfare of Australian women and children and the promotion of family life.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FROM MIDDLE EAST—MOTION FOR TABELING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lang:—That there be laid upon the Table of the House—
 - (a) the papers relating to the entry of 200 alien immigrants who arrived from the Middle East on the *Strathmore*,
 - (b) the original applications for permission to enter, together with the recommendations thereon, and
 - (c) the text of the representations made through Australia House to the British Ministry of Transport which lead to the withholding of 200 berths from passengers stranded in England in order to accommodate migrants from the Middle East—

Debate resumed.

Closure.—Mr. Falstein moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Haylen	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Holt	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Falstein	
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF NEW GUINEA AND TERRITORIES—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. White:—That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the following:—

- (a) the inadequacy of the administration which has been set up under the New Guinea Act;
- (b) the failure of the administration to maintain production of essential commodities;
- (c) the lack of a policy for the economic development of the Territories which could proceed hand in hand with a progressive native policy;
- (d) the unbalanced native policy and its adverse effect upon the natives and upon economic development; and
- (e) the unrest which exists in the Public Service in the Territories due to unsettled conditions and the failure of the Government to provide suitable living conditions, adequate classification and to deal with the high cost of living—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holt		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.

5. STANDING ORDER No. 280—PROPOSED AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spender:—That Standing Order No. 280 be amended by adding thereto the following:—“or (4) by leave of the Member speaking, to address a question to such Member”—

Question—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.

6. PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Spender moved, That Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be considered forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Sheehan moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. James	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Edmonds		Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Falstein	
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Haylen	

And so it was negatived.

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7. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. James	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Holt
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lang	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Howse
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Corser
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Falstein			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Haylen			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. 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.

Mr. Ryan 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten 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. Evatt, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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