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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 122.

THURSDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1948.

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. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), That in the opinion of this House—

(a) Communist activities in Australia are subversive,

(b) Communists in Australia have fomented wide spread stoppages of employment, sought to weaken the authority of the industrial law, and inflicted misery and loss upon thousands of citizens,

(c) there is good reason to believe that Australian Communists act in the interests of a foreign power,

(d) recent events in Europe have proved that Communist minorities in countries outside the Soviet Union are organized so as to overthrow by force majority rule in those countries,

(e) the Government has failed to take any adequate steps to attack Communist activities in Australia or to prevent the employment of Communists by the Commonwealth,

and that, by reason of the above, the Government deserves the censure of this House—

Debate resumed.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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, 39.

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| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Holloway |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Johnson |
| Mrs. Blackburn | Mr. Langtry |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lawson |
| Mr. Burke | Mr. Lemmon |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. McLeod |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. O'Connor |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Daly | Mr. Russell |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Sheehy |
| Mr. Duthie | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Evatt | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Falstein | |
| Mr. Fraser | |
| Mr. Gaha | |
| Mr. Hadley | |
| Mr. Haylen | |

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 28.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. Hughes |
| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Hutchinson |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Lang |
| Mr. Beale | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Davidson | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Gullett | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hamilton | |
| Mr. Harrison | |
| Mr. Holt | |
| Mr. Howse | |

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

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, 27.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. Hughes |
| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Hutchinson |
| Mr. Anthony | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Davidson | Mr. Ryan |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. White |
| Mr. Gullett | |
| Mr. Hamilton | |
| Mr. Harrison | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Howse | Mr. McDonald |

Noes, 40.

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

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—

No. 13—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.

No. 14—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

No. 15—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 16—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 17—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 18—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.

No. 19—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

Nos. 20 and 21—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—A. H. Cobby.

Health—D. W. Davies.

Interior—F. J. Anable, W. Beveridge, J. E. Campbell, J. G. Griffiths, E. C. Knight, F. P. Noonan, H. J. Sharpe.

Labour and National Service—K. Eisner, R. J. Thomson, E. White.

Parliamentary Library—E. Bishop, J. B. S. Jackson, J. M. Trevaskis, J. Watson.

Postmaster-General—M. W. Farmer.

Post-war Reconstruction—J. G. H. Hoeben.

Transport—T. G. Paterson.

Works and Housing—G. W. Barrett, R. J. Corbett, A. H. Dent, L. E. Elgar, W. T.

Goldsworthy, I. C. Holloway, A. P. Marsh, H. J. McDonald, A. C. Morris, E. R. Neal,

L. J. Norris, A. Skardoorn, K. W. V. Smith, B. K. Thomson, J. Vinc-Hall, E. D. Wilson.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—
Orders—Inventions and designs (33).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Ballarat, Victoria.

Bankstown, New South Wales.

Broome, Western Australia.

Learmonth, Western Australia.

Perth, Western Australia.

Wamberal, New South Wales.

Wodonga, Victoria.

Woolloomooloo, New South Wales.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Cairns, Queensland.

Postal purposes—

Bayswater, Victoria.

Beaudesert, Queensland.

Bermagui South, New South Wales.

Bordertown, South Australia.

Bowen, Queensland.

Cowes, Victoria.

Double Bay, New South Wales.

Essendon, Victoria.

Gladstone, South Australia.

Gunnedah, New South Wales.

Lidcombe, New South Wales.

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Lithgow, New South Wales.
 Manangatang, Victoria.
 Melbourne, Victoria.
 Newmarket, Victoria.
 Rozelle, New South Wales.
 Strathalbyn, South Australia.
 Tailem Bend, South Australia.
 West Melbourne, Victoria.

Railway purposes—Hawker, South Australia.

Papua—New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 3—Port Moresby Water Supply (Temporary Provisions).

4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 11th March, 1948*], viz. :—
 International Affairs—Statement prepared by the Minister for External Affairs, 11th March, 1948—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Ryan be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) from concluding his speech without interruption.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Evatt continued and concluded his speech.

Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr. Beazley be granted an extension of time.

Mr. White 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.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff (Southern Rhodesian Preference) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Southern Rhodesian Preference) 1941 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Excise Tariff Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Excise Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 123.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
 President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

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[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 125.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act Repeal Bill 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to repeal certain Acts relating to Adjustments in Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 4) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill (No. 3) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1948' and by the 'Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) (No. 2) 1948'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 8th April, 1948.

[*Excise Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1948*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
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6. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT.—Mr. Evatt (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Standing Committee of Privileges:—

Report on Inquiry into the Allegations made by the honorable Member for Lang as to the wrongful use by the honorable Member for the Northern Territory, whilst a Prisoner of War in the hands of the Japanese, of his Parliamentary Privileges, together with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, and Appendices.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—MR. EVATT (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one 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. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Watkins.

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