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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. IMMIGRATION—TRANSPORT COSTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement giving details of the costs involved in bringing to Australia British and foreign-born migrants.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Supply and Development—
M. A. Condon, A. H. Debnam, R. S. Matheson.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HOSTEL FOR OFFICERS AT DARWIN.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—
The erection of a hostel for officers at Darwin, Northern Territory.
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSIONS TO CITY WEST TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, MELBOURNE.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—The erection of extensions to the City West Telephone Exchange, Melbourne.
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table drawings in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
7. WHEAT TAX (REPEAL AND REFUND) BILL 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Wheat Tax Act 1916*, to provide for the Refund to Growers of Wheat of Moneys raised under that Act, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Pollard 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.
Mr. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Turnbull 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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8. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1948 [No. 2].—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to leave given on the 3rd September, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Representation of the Australian Capital Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) 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. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next.

Mr. Deputy Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to twelve o'clock noon, adjourned until Wednesday 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. Blain, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.