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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 69.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1949.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports—
 - Long Handled Pruning Shears.
 - Motor Vehicle Bodies and Pressed Metal Panels for the manufacture of Motor Vehicle Bodies—Questions of temporary admission under By-law.
 - Thioglycollic Acid and Ammonium Thioglycollate.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Twenty-fourth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 1st February, 1949.
 Ordered to be printed.
 - Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1947-48.
3. PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Earle Page proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely :—The urgent necessity of securing the full, spontaneous co-operation of the medical, dental, pharmaceutical and nursing professions, of State and hospital organizations and of voluntary sickness benefit associations with the Commonwealth Government to ensure a successful and satisfactory national health service—

Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the motion would not be in order, as the subject proposed to be discussed had already been debated during the current Session when an amendment was moved to the motion for the second reading of the National Health Service Bill 1948.

Sir Earle Page then proposed that the matter to be discussed should read :—The urgent necessity of implementing immediately a successful and satisfactory national health scheme.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the amended terms would not be acceptable for the reason previously stated.

Sir Earle Page then amended the terms of the subject matter to read :—The urgent necessity of discussing regulations promulgated under the National Health Service Act.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the proposed motion with the further amended terms would be out of order for the same reason.

Dissent from Deputy Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Anthony handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling :—That the Ruling of the Deputy Speaker—that the terms of the matter proposed to be discussed on the 2nd March, 1949, on a motion for the adjournment of the House to be moved by the Right Honorable the Member for Cowper, had been the subject of a previous debate this Session—be disagreed with.

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.

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4. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1949.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. White, viz.:*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill be withdrawn and referred to a Select Committee for report as to whether the Bill meets the requirements of the Territories concerned, and to seek advice upon the best methods for restoring local government and civil administration for the welfare of the native population and for the economic development of Papua and New Guinea”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Holloway			
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That the words “the International Trusteeship System by means of, and upon the terms of trusteeship embodied in, the Trusteeship Agreement” (page 4, lines 41-43) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “Security Trusteeship under the Security Council” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lazzarini, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
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Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Davidson	Mr. White
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Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 26 and 27 agreed to.

Clause 28 debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Burke, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.