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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 89.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Blain presented a Petition from 400 citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia and electors of the Northern Territory, praying that the circumstances of the dismissal of Dr. V. H. Webster, Medical Officer-in-charge, Tennant Creek Hospital, be investigated.  
Petition received and read.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PETROL RATIONING—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to petrol rationing.  
Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Defence—A. S. Storey.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Banking purposes—Rosebery, New South Wales.  
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Llanherne, Tasmania.  
Department of the Interior purposes—Cloncurry, Queensland.  
Postal purposes—  
Belmont Park, Western Australia.  
Bendigo, Victoria.  
Rosebery, New South Wales.  
Tumby Bay, South Australia.
6. IMMIGRATION BILL 1949.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to leave given on the 1st June, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Immigration Act 1901-1948 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. WAR-TIME REFUGEES REMOVAL BILL 1949.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to leave given on the 1st June, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for the Removal from Australia of certain Persons who entered Australia during the Period of Hostilities* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. CENSURE MOTION.—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 the Government—  
(a) by the use of its majority in this House is unreasonably and improperly restricting the rights of private Members and the electors they represent ;  
(b) is disregarding the status of the Chair by permitting to remain for months on the notice paper, partly debated, but undetermined, a motion of No-Confidence in Mr. Deputy Speaker ;  
(c) is permitting and encouraging personal defamatory and threatening attacks upon Opposition Members by Ministers, and so violating the decencies of political controversy ;  
(d) is exhibiting a contempt for the institution of Parliament and its function as the democratic forum of the Nation ;  
and therefore that the Government is deserving of the censure of this House—  
Debate resumed.

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Mr. Harrison moved, That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beale	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully
Mr. Daly	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
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And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

*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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Ayes, 23.

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And so it was negatived.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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And then the House, at twenty-three 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. Anthony, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McBride, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear and Mr. Scullin.

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**F. C. GREEN,**

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*