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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 109.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Commerce and Agriculture—G. J. Harvey.  
Interior—E. Wigley.  
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—  
Orders—Inventions and designs (23).  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—  
Rosedale, Queensland.  
Willoughby, New South Wales.  
Northern Territory Administration Act—  
Ordinances—1949—  
No. 4—Housing Loans.  
No. 5—Interpretation.  
No. 7—Licensing.  
Regulations—1949—No. 6 (Alice Springs Administration Ordinance).
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2 and Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 3, General Business.
4. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Harrison :—That this House has no further confidence in Mr. Deputy Speaker on the grounds—  
(a) That in the discharge of his duties he has revealed serious partiality in favour of Government Members ;  
(b) That he regards himself merely as the instrument of the Labour Party and not as the custodian of the rights and privileges of elected Members of this Parliament ;  
(c) That he constantly fails to interpret correctly the Standing Orders of the House ; and  
(d) Of gross incompetency in his administration of Parliamentary procedure—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—" this House declares its determination to uphold the dignity and authority of the Chair, and deplores the fact that the Deputy Speaker while carrying out his duties with ability and impartiality, has not at all times received the support from all Members which he is entitled to expect in maintaining that dignity and authority " .  
Debate continued.  
*Point of Order.*—Mr. Anthony raised a Point of Order that the amendment was a direct negative of the motion.  
*Acting Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Lazzarini ruled that the amendment was not a direct negative.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Sheehy 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 a later hour this day.
5. IMMIGRATION POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the progress of the various schemes of immigration, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Immigration Policy—Ministerial Statement, 8th September, 1949—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Menzies (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.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—  
W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General. *Message No. 63.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing.  
Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

8th September, 1949.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to the States for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Mr. Lemmon moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Lemmon, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Pollard do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Lemmon 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. Lemmon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS AND WORKS BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

*Message No. 64.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947-1948*.

Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Ward moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947-1948*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Mr. Ward moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Ward, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Ward and Mr. Calwell do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Ward 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. Ward moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. McDonald 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.

8. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Harrison :—That this House has no further confidence in Mr. Deputy Speaker on the grounds—

(a) That in the discharge of his duties he has revealed serious partiality in favour of Government Members ;

(b) That he regards himself merely as the instrument of the Labour Party and not as the custodian of the rights and privileges of elected Members of this Parliament ;

(c) That he constantly fails to interpret correctly the Standing Orders of the House ; and

(d) Of gross incompetency in his administration of Parliamentary procedure—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Dedman, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—*"this House declares its determination to uphold the dignity and authority of the Chair, and deplores the fact that the Deputy Speaker while carrying out his duties with ability and impartiality, has not at all times received the support from all Members which he is entitled to expect in maintaining that dignity and authority"—

Debate resumed.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Langtry	
Mr. Lawson	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
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Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
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Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Lang	
Mr. Langtry	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—proposed.

*Closure.*—Mr. Scully 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, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
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Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8th September, 1949.

And the question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
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Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Howse	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz. :—That this House declares its determination to uphold the dignity and authority of the Chair, and deplores the fact that the Deputy Speaker while carrying out his duties with ability and impartiality, has not at all times received the support from all Members which he is entitled to expect in maintaining that dignity and authority—be agreed to—  
put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Howse	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to 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. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Watkins.

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