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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 133.

FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. White rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Minister for Labour and National Service and the Minister for Works and Housing in exceeding their authority by bringing pressure upon a Government employee to obey the behest of Communists; and for their subsequent victimization of a Commonwealth official for refusing to carry out such orders".

Mr. Deputy Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. White moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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, 28.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Burke	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender	Mr. Burke	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
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		Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—No. 79—Actors and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.
Australian Broadcasting Act—Order—Political Broadcasts (Federal Elections) (No. 2).
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—S. R. Tooth.
4. RAILWAY STANDARDIZATION (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) AGREEMENT BILL 1949.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, in relation to the Standardization of certain Railways, to approve of the Raising of Loans for Defence Purposes (namely, the Standardization of those Railways), and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
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, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holt 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past twelve o'clock noon, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Watkins.

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