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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
New Chamber of the House of Commons, Palace of Westminster—Account of the Opening Ceremony, 26th October, 1950.
3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE LIAQUAT ALI KHAN, PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, announced with profound regret the death by assassination of the Honorable Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan. Mr. Menzies paid a tribute to the Honorable Liaquat Ali Khan and expressed deep sympathy with the Begum Ali Khan and the Government and people of Pakistan.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister and joined in the expression of sympathy.
4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
 - (2) That twelve Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
 - (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
 - (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the Committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members; and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine;
 - (b) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament;
 - (c) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret;
 - (d) seven members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee and three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee;
 - (e) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister, it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported;
 - (f) the Committee shall have no power to send for persons, papers or records without the concurrence of the Minister for External Affairs and all evidence submitted to the Committee shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee; and
 - (g) a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that seven members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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6. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1951.—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—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Pollard moved the following amendment :—Page 1, line 14, omit “ five ”, insert “ two ”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egging	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	Tellers:
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Davis			Mr. Townley	

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Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. O'Connor	Tellers:
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £16,400

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Evatt, viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten 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. Anderson, Mr. Beazley, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Mullens.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.