

1951.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—REFLECTION ON HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to a statement in the Sydney newspaper *Daily Telegraph* of the 18th October, 1951, concerning an alleged criticism by the Prime Minister at a party meeting of a decision of the Joint House Committee to restrict the use of the Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms. Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the paper containing the statement and showing the name of the printer and publisher. Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), made a Statement in connexion with the matter. Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), as a matter of Privilege, moved, That the statement in the newspaper be referred to the Committee of Privileges for report. Question—put and passed.
3. JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEE—DECISION TO RESTRICT USE OF PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOMS—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of certain decisions of the Joint House Committee to restrict the use of the Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms.
4. COPPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding Australian requirements of copper and discussions at the International Materials Conference, Washington, concerning supplies.
5. NATIVE WELFARE—REPORT OF CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the results of a Conference on Native Welfare held at Canberra, 3rd and 4th September, 1951, by Commonwealth and State Ministers. Mr. Hasluck then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
 - Native Welfare—Report of Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, Canberra, 3rd and 4th September, 1951, and
 - Native Welfare Conference—Ministerial Statement—
 and moved, That the Papers be printed. Mr. Ward 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 112.
 - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 109.
 - Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 111.
 - Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 115.
 - Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 113.
 - Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 114.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Appointment—Department of Supply—I. R. Harrowfield.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 110.
 - War Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 116.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Egg Export Control Act 1947-1948’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th October, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

18th October, 1951.

8. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Luchetti proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Government's action in closing the shale oil works at Glen Davis"—

Mr. Speaker 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. Luchetti moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Swartz moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57.

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

NOES, 43.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies		Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin		Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

NOES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer		Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Swartz

And so it was negatived.

9. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs):—

- (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;

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- (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 resumed.

Ordered—That the amendments circulated by Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be considered together.

Mr. Calwell, for Mr. Evatt, moved the amendments, which are as follows :—

Paragraph (1), at end of paragraph add “ or by either House of the Parliament or as are decided upon by a majority of the Committee ”.

Paragraph (2), at end of paragraph add “ six to be Government supporters and six Opposition supporters ”.

Paragraph (4), at end of sub-paragraph (c) add “ unless the Committee or sub-committee otherwise orders ”.

Paragraph (4), at end of sub-paragraph (e) add “ and either House of Parliament may decide that the report be published ”.

Paragraph (4), omit sub-paragraph (f), insert the following sub-paragraph :—“(f) the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers or records”.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Swartz moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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

NOES, 36.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 39.

Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Russell
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Swartz

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Treloar
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Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
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Mr. Clark	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. 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.

Mr. Davies moved, That Mr. C. R. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. James moved, That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anderson, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Eggins, 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.