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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1955.

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. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Wentworth withdrew Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, standing in his name.
3. SUSPENDED MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker read a letter from the Deputy Leader of the Australian Labour Party (Anti-Communist) (Mr. Keon) and the honorable Member for Gellibrand (Mr. Mullens) apologizing for their conduct at the previous sitting and seeking admittance to the House at its opening this morning.
- Suspension of Standing Orders moved.*—Mr. Joshua then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the honorable Members for Yarra (Mr. Keon) and Gellibrand (Mr. Mullens) being re-admitted to the House this morning.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put.
- The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

NOES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Menzies	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

4. SUSPENDED MEMBERS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the honorable Members for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) and Parkes (Mr. Haylen) being re-admitted to the House this morning, on the condition that they make an apology to the House at the time of their re-admission.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	

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NOES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Falkinder
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

5. **SUSPENDED MEMBERS—PRESENCE WITHIN BUILDING.**—Mr. Speaker referred to the practice of excluding from the dining rooms, &c., suspended Members and Members ordered to withdraw from the House under Standing Order No. 303, and, in view of discussions at a recent meeting of the Standing Orders Committee and a previous decision of the House, sought the sense of the House on the continuance of the practice.
- Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) addressed the House.
- Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That, in the view of this House, suspension from the service of the House involves exclusion from the Chamber and its immediate surroundings but does not involve deprivation of the other amenities of the building.
- Question—put and passed.
6. **SALK POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the importation of supplies of Salk poliomyelitis vaccine, its local production, and the manner in which supplies should be handled in Australia.
- Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Seventh Annual Report by the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, for year ended 30th September, 1954.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1955—No. 1—Bean Seeds and Bean Plants.
- Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Trade and Customs—W. J. Schopfhauser.
- Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Twenty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1950–51.
8. **AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION—SECOND REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—
- Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) presented, pursuant to Statute, the following Paper:—
- Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Second Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for the period ended 30th June, 1954—
- and moved, That the Paper be printed.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
- Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Wentworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
9. **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—TELEVISION LICENCES.**—Mr. Whitlam having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The danger that the recommendations of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board on the allocation of Television Licences, if carried out, could create a communications monopoly, and that the introduction of foreign capital into the television industry is against the declaration of both Houses of this Parliament"—
- 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. Whitlam addressed the House.
- Mr. Chambers moved, That Mr. Whitlam be granted an extension of time.
- Question—put.
- The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 43.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald

NOES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

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Discussion ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 (“Grievance Day”—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for a later hour this day.

11. ALLOTMENT OF ROOMS BY MR. SPEAKER.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That, Mr. Speaker's action, relating to the allotment of rooms to the Australian Labour Party (Anti-Communist), be approved.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—

“(1) the subject-matter of the letters of—

(a) the Speaker to the Leader of the Opposition, dated 19th April, 1955;

(b) the Leader of the Opposition to the Speaker, dated 26th April, 1955,

be referred to a Special Committee of the House for inquiry and report;

- (2) the Special Committee shall consist of Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Vice-President of the Executive Council, the Leader of the Country Party, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Australian Labour Party (Anti-Communist), the honorable Member for Herbert and the Mover, and

- (3) the Report of the Committee shall be made to the House within seven days”.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Chambers addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Davidson 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, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCollm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clark	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Casey	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Joshua	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Drury	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 41.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 41.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on 20th April, 1955*], viz. :—

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Ministerial Statement, 20th April, 1955—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Davies, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Keon, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Peters, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.