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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PROPOSED MOTION OF PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Anthony proposing to move, as a motion of Privilege, "That an honorable Member who has asked a Question of a Minister should be supplied with the written answer before the answer is circulated or printed in *Hansard*"—
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was not one of Privilege.
3. PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The continued employment in the Armed Forces of men with five years' service, including service abroad"—
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that such a motion would not be in order as it anticipated Order of the Day No. 10, Government Business.
Suspension of Standing Orders moved.—Mr. Menzies moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Motion for the Adjournment of the House being proceeded with. Debate ensued.
Question—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Holt		Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 103.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—
Rathmines, New South Wales.
St. Mary's, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Werribee, Victoria.

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5. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1943*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fadden 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. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1934*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fadden 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. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1945.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment to or employment in the Commonwealth Service of certain State Employees, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
8. SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 1945.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1943*, as amended by the *Superannuation Act 1945*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Lazzarini 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. Lazzarini 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.
9. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION BILL 1945.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. White, viz. :—*“That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn and referred to a Select Committee for report as to whether the Bill meets the requirements of the Territories concerned, and to seek advice upon the best methods for restoring Civil Administration, for the welfare of the native population and for the economic development of Papua and New Guinea”—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 14.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the word "Governor-General" (page 2, line 44) be omitted with a view to inserting the word "Administrator" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories) moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. White moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 14.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Question—That the Report be adopted—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Ward, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten 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. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Scully.

* On leave.

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