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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 131.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1946.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the dates in connexion with the General Elections for the House of Representatives to be held on the 28th September, and announced that the Senate elections and the Referendums would be held on that day.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 122.  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—E. R. Thain.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Gympie, Queensland.  
Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 121.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 12th July, 1946 (see pages 400-2), and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—That paragraph 1 be postponed.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
6. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1946.—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.  
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Morgan moved, That Mr. James be granted an extension of time.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Morgan 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Breen, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLeod, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

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