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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

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. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burke, Mr. Corser, Mr. Francis, Mr. Holt, Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Watkins be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-third Annual Report, for year 1945-46.
Ordered to be printed.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Lilydale, Victoria.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1946—No. 11—Careless Use of Fire.
Regulations—1946—No. 6 (Apprenticeship Ordinance).
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of the year.
Question—put and passed.
5. 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	£8,870
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Menzies, viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

Point of Order.—Mr. Cameron raised a Point of Order that, unless progress is reported after a Minister has been given leave to continue his speech later, the consent of the Committee to his speaking at a future time should be obtained on motion.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Clark) ruled that the Committee had given leave to Mr. Lemmon (Minister assisting the Treasurer) to continue his speech at a future time, and no motion was necessary for this purpose or to enable the general debate to proceed.

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Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Cameron having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Beale	Mr. McDonald	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Francis		Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Holloway	
		Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Conelan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Lawson*, Dame Enid Lyons, and Sir Earle Page.

* On leave.

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