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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers:*Mr. Gullett  
Mr. White

Noes, 63.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. James.
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beale	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Russell
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Scully
Mr. Francis	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Spender
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Ward
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Fuller

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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*Closure.*—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

*Tellers:*

Noes, 29.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	
Mr. Hughes	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

Noes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Lang	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

4. ELECTION PETITION—WITHDRAWAL—ORDER OF COURT.—The Clerk laid upon the Table an Order of the High Court, which he had received from the District Registrar of the High Court, at Sydney, giving leave to Ronald Grafton Sarina to withdraw a Petition lodged by him against the return of William Paul O'Connor as Member for West Sydney.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

1946—

- No. 39—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 No. 40—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and others.  
 No. 41—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 No. 42—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 43—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association and Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.  
 No. 44—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 45—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 46—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.  
 No. 47—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.  
 No. 48—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.

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- No. 49—Amalgamated Engineering Union.  
 No. 50—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.  
 No. 51—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.  
 Nos. 52 and 53—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 54—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 55—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 56—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
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 No. 1—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.  
 No. 2—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 No. 3—Repatriation Medical Officers' Association.  
 No. 4—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 5—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and others.  
 No. 6—Australian Journalists' Association.  
 No. 7—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia; and others.
- Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 182.  
 Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 189, 190, 191.  
 Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 10.  
 Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 3.  
 Commonwealth Bank Act—  
     Appointment—A. C. McPherson.  
     Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 188.  
 Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Rules of Court—Dated 12th November, 1946—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 168.  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—  
     Appointments—Department—  
         Civil Aviation—A. R. Anderson, T. J. Broughton, J. M. Chapman, D. B. Fraser, B. Hann, D. Ross, R. O. Walton.  
         Commerce and Agriculture—C. F. Dwyer.  
         External Affairs—H. T. Sullivan.  
         Interior—E. W. O. Perry.  
         Labour and National Service—F. H. Lindsey, A. W. Russell, O. P. Wickham.  
         Parliamentary Library—M. E. Harry, I. Maclean, J. B. O'Hara, R. J. Wallace.  
         Post-war Reconstruction—K. A. L. Best, P. J. Lawler.  
         Supply and Shipping—W. B. Dallwitz, T. D. Dimmick, C. L. Knight, W. C. Smith, G. A. Thomas, J. G. Tomlinson, D. W. Wansey, H. T. Watts.  
         Treasury—R. J. Randall, E. F. Warren.  
         Works and Housing—J. M. Cameron, W. G. R. Gilfillan, V. G. Holden, R. A. T. Ledger, H. T. Loxton, L. G. Redmond, E. F. Rowntree.  
     Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 1, 2, 13 (Parliamentary Officers).
- Customs Act—  
     Customs Proclamation—No. 668.  
     Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
         1946, Nos. 169, 178, 179.  
         1947, No. 11.
- Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
     National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Capital issues (Declaration and exemption).  
     National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2827–2848.  
     National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1947, Nos. 2, 3.  
     Orders—  
         Control of new commercial motor vehicles.  
         Control of new motor cars.  
     Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 6.
- Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 195.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
     Commonwealth purposes—Brymaroo, Queensland.  
     Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.  
     Customs purposes—  
         Beenleigh, Queensland.  
         Clare, South Australia.  
         Yenda, New South Wales.  
     Defence purposes—  
         Adelaide, South Australia.  
         Bulimba Point, Queensland.  
         Guildford (Redcliffe), Western Australia.  
         Perth, Tasmania.  
         Puckapunyal, Victoria.  
         Stuart, Queensland.  
         Townsville, Queensland.  
         Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.  
         Zillmere, Queensland.

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## Postal purposes—

Albany, Western Australia.  
 Chermiside, Queensland.  
 Coburg, Victoria.  
 Gaythorne, Queensland.  
 Guildford, Western Australia.  
 North Beach, Western Australia.  
 Nudgee, Queensland.

## Telephonic purposes—Wanneroo, Western Australia.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 4.

## National Security Act—

National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Apple and pear acquisition 1946-47.

National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

National Security (Field Peas Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Field peas (Tasmania) acquisition—Revocation.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Brushware (Consolidating)—Revocation.

Control of automotive spare parts (No. 2)—Revocation.

Control of rubber (No. 8)—Revocation.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2791-2826.

National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 135-139.

National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1946, Nos. 51-63.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Order—Deferment of banking business. Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 184, 185, 186, 192, 193, 194, 196, 197, 198.

Nationality Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 9.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 5.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1946—

No. 1—Crown Lands.

No. 2—Liquor Prohibition.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 173.

Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—1946—

No. 9—Native Labour Contracts of Service Validation.

No. 10—Supply (No. 1) 1946-1947.

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1946, Nos. 177, 180.

1947, No. 12.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1945-46.

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 8.

War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 7.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, Government Business.

7. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes in connexion with Stevedoring Operations, to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States, to regulate and control the Performance of Stevedoring Operations, to provide for the Establishment of a Stevedoring Industry Commission, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Evatt 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. Evatt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

8. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1947.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Organization Act* 1938, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Cameron 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. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1947.—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 transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain Employees of the Repatriation Commission and of the War Service Homes Commission, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Dedman 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. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That, in respect of all apples and pears exported from the Commonwealth, in lieu of the rate of charges imposed by the *Apple and Pear Export Charges Act 1938* and subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations under that Act as proposed to be amended by the Bill to give effect to this resolution, charges be imposed at the rate of One penny for each case, two half-cases or three trays of apples or pears exported.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holloway, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*