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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1947.

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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable the Viscount Bledisloe, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., a Member of the House of Lords, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Twenty-second Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 31st December, 1946.
 - War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1945-46, together with statements and balance-sheet.
4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent developments in international affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 - Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 26th February, 1947.
 - United Nations—
 - (a) Assembly Resolution on voting procedure in the Security Council.
 - (b) Assembly Resolution on principles governing the general regulation and reduction of armaments.
 - United Nations—Trusteeship Agreement for the Mandated Territory of New Guinea approved by Assembly.
 - Agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission.
 - India—
 - (a) Statement by Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee (Prime Minister of Great Britain), 20th February, 1947.
 - (b) Statement by High Commissioner for India in Australia, 21st February, 1947.
 - (c) Statement by Minister for External Affairs, 21st February, 1947.
 - Netherlands-Indonesian Agreement, 15th November, 1946.
 - Australian Overseas Trade with certain countries in South East Asia 1938-1946.
 - Settlements with Italy and Germany's Satellites—
 - (a) Summary of Main Australian proposals at Paris Peace Conference.
 - (b) Table showing results of consideration by Council of Foreign Ministers of major Paris Conference recommendations.
 - (c) Summary of provisions of Peace Treaties affecting Australia.
 - (d) Summary of main provisions of Peace Treaties with Germany's Satellites.
 - Settlement with Germany—
 - (a) Procedure: Australian views on questions of procedure for drawing up a German peace settlement.
 - (b) Principles: Australian views on questions of substance in the German Settlement.
 - Settlement with Austria: Aide Memoire to the Deputies of the Council of Foreign Ministers by the Australian Government.
 - Settlement with Japan: Text of Far Eastern Commission Basic Policy Document.
 - First Report of the Atomic Energy Commission—

and moved, That the Papers be printed.

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.

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5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lang rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "Australia's representation at the World Conference on Trade and Employment".

Mr. Speaker thereupon 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. Lang moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Holt moved, That Mr. Lang be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

Noes, 30.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	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. Duthie	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
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Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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, 32.

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. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
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Noes, 22.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 22.

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And so it was negatived.

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6. PAPERS.— The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Arbitration (Public Service) Act— Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—
 - No. 8—Hotel, Club, Restaurant, Caterers, Tea Rooms and Boarding House Employees' Union of New South Wales.
 - Nos. 9 and 10—Australian Journalists' Association.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Commerce and Agriculture—C. R. Buttsworth, D. O. Ford, H. C. Perrott, O. F. A. Williams.
 - Interior—S. C. B. Gascoigne, D. W. N. Stibbs.
 - Treasury—R. G. Davey.
 - Works and Housing—G. M. Kerr, I. S. Richards.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (123).
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2849–2868.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
 - Elwood, Victoria.
 - Epping, Victoria.
 - Mortdale, New South Wales.
 - Scone, New South Wales.
 - Warrandyte, Victoria.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order by Industrial Commission of New South Wales—Salary of Town Clerk of City of Greater Newcastle.
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (88).
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 - Regulations—1947—No. 1 (Education Ordinance).
7. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1947.—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.
 Mr. Anthony 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. ADJOURNMENT.— Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. Spender, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

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