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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1947.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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, "The culpability of the Commonwealth Government for the civil disturbance in the Sydney Domain yesterday, and its responsibility to prevent further organized Communist violence in Australia".
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. Menzies moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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, 38.

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

Noes, 27.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hutchinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Muleahy
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPER. - The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute--

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment— Department of Civil Aviation—E. H. Fry.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS AND WORKS BILL 1947.—
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States to be applied in the Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Repair of Roads and Works connected with Transport, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Mr. Ward moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Ward, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Ward and Mr. Calwell do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Ward 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. Ward moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. McDonald 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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6. ALIENS BILL 1947.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to leave given on the 13th March, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Aliens* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed. —Bill read a first time.

Mr. Calwell 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.

7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), That the Papers [*presented on the 26th February, 1947—see page 85*] be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Fraser was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and 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 twenty-three minutes past ten 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. Brennan, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Spender, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.