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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL, 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.--Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Lord Killearn, G.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O., 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. 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, "The undermining of the Constitution by the wrongful use of the defence power through National Security Regulations, to obtain powers that have been rejected by the people when submitted to them by way of referenda as amendments to the Constitution."

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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McEwen moved, That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.

Question--put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair).

Ayes, 22.

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

Noes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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Several Members rising to address the House—

*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, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 19.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Lang	
Mr. McBride	
Mr. McEwen	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.

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

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1945-46.

Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Twentieth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 42, 43.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after the Notice of Motion (Objection to Speaker's Ruling).

6. OBJECTION TO SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker's Ruling, that the proposed motion by the honorable Member for Wentworth is out of order, be disagreed with (*see Entry No. 2 of Votes and Proceedings*, page 145).

Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) 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, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Lang	
Mr. McBride	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald	Mr. White

Noes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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. Lazzarini 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. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past eleven 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. Adermann, Mr. Beale, Mr. Blain, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Spender.

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