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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

TUESDAY, 6TH MAY, 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. 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, owing to the absence of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) due to illness, Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) would act as Minister for the Interior from the 5th May, 1947, during the period of Mr. Johnson's incapacity.
4. PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Sir Earle Page desired leave of the House to make a personal explanation.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Suspension of Standing Orders moved.—Mr. McEwen moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Sir Earle Page from making a personal explanation.
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, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Conclan	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 26.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Sir Earle Page from making a personal explanation—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1947—

No. 23. Non-Official Postmasters' Association.

No. 24. Australian Third Division Telegraphists' and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 25. Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Post-war Reconstruction—
C. H. B. Norman.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—

National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 61.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2869-2933.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 46.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Sydenham, New South Wales.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), That the Paper [presented on the 25th March, 1947], viz. :—

Financial Statement by the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., Treasurer—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two 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. Blain, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender and Mr. Williams.

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