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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

FRIDAY, 16TH MAY, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Defence—Pay and Conditions of Service of Post-war Forces—Statement by the Minister for Defence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anthony 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 failure of the Repatriation Department to give immediate effect to the establishment of a medical clinic urgently required for the treatment of ex-service members at Grace Building, Sydney, and the need for further discussion with ex-servicemen's organizations before granting priority to the Taxation Department of accommodation suitable for clinic purposes".  
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. Anthony moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr. Fadden moved, That Mr. Anthony be granted an extension of time.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Debate ensued.  
*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. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	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, 23.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

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

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Supply and Shipping—  
G. B. Clarke.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—  
Nos. 140, 143.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REFERENCE OF WORK—ERECTION OF  
PERMANENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, CANBERRA.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and  
Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth  
Public Works Committee Act 1913–1936*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary  
Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report thereon, namely:—The erection  
of Permanent Administration Offices, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS AND WORKS 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. Fuller 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 fifteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three  
o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Daly,  
Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spender and  
Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*