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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 70.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that no further steps should be taken by the Government towards the nationalization of the banking system without first seeking the authority of the Australian people, were presented as under :—
By Mr. Cameron, from certain electors of the State of South Australia, and
By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Division of Richmond.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Land Sales Control Office, Sydney, and Land Sales Control Office of the Treasury, Canberra—
Royal Commission on certain Transactions—Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1947—No. 2—Post and Telegraph.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—
1947—
No. 5—Church Lands Leases.
No. 6—Police and Police Offences.
4. GOLD TAX SUSPENSION BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Suspend the Tax imposed by the *Gold Tax Act 1939*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holt 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.
5. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1946*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holt 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.
6. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War-time (Company) Tax Act 1940-1941*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holt 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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7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—PRINTING OF PAPER.—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 Paper [*presented on the 6th June, 1947*], viz. :—

Foreign Affairs—Statement by Minister for External Affairs, dated 6th June, 1947, together with related documents—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Howee	

Noes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. James	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question— That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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

Question— put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.