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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 81.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 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. Adermann, from certain electors of the Division of Maranoa,
 - By Mr. Francis, from certain electors of the Division of Moreton,
 - By Mr. Hamilton, from certain electors of the State of Western Australia,
 - By Mr. Cameron, from certain residents of Echunga, South Australia,
 - By Mr. Anthony, from certain electors of the Divisions of Richmond and New England,
 - By Mr. Abbott, from certain electors of the Division of New England, and
 - By Mr. Howse, from certain electors of the Division of Calare.
 Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declaration—No. 163.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1946-47.
 Ordered to be printed.
 - Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 142.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—War service land settlement—Victoria (dated 15th September, 1947).
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3081, 3092-3097.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 140, 143, 144, 145.
 - Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 141.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1947-48.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges—

- Vote—"Defence and Service Departments, £65,782,000"—
- Vote—"Production Departments, £9,248,000"—
- Vote—"Reciprocal Lend-Lease, £300,000"—
- Vote—"Re-establishment and Repatriation, £30,959,000"—
- Vote—"International Relief and Rehabilitation, £4,025,000"—
- Vote—"Subsidies, £26,050,000"—
- Vote—"Miscellaneous, £2,384,000"—

considered together.

Votes further debated.

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

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Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £4,774,000"—
 Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £10,000,000"—
 Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £10,000,000"—
 Vote—"War (1914-18) Services, £1,248,000"—
 considered together.

Votes debated.

Point of Order.—Mr. McEwen raised a Point of Order that Mr. Turnbull having been called upon to speak and having indicated his desire to give way to another honorable Member, the call should remain on the Opposition side of the House.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Mulcahy) ruled that, the honorable Member for Wimmera having waived his right to speak, the Chair was entitled to call any other honorable Member.

Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Adermann having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes past nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.

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

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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. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £1,530,000"—

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £26,836,000"—
 considered together.

Votes debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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. Beale, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Scullin.

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