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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 119.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1948.

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. PROPOSED ROYAL VISIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that His Majesty The King, accompanied by Her Majesty The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, would visit Australia in the early part of next year.
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Fadden, by leave, also made Statements in connexion with the proposed Royal Visit.
4. 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 Commonwealth Bank of Australia's Statement No. 1 on Advance Policy, which includes—
(a) a direction to all banks to embark upon a policy of credit restriction ;
(b) a threat to the development of small business undertakings ;
(c) withdrawal of the discretionary lending authority from individual bank managers ; and
(d) the first step towards the programme of deflation with consequent depression".
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.
Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) 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. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948 —
 No. 9—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 Nos. 10 and 11—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 12—Australian Workers' Union.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—H. J. Foster.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Postmaster-General—R. N. Lowe.
 Treasury—E. A. Reynolds.
 Twenty-third Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners,
 dated 19th January, 1948.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Salisbury, South Australia.
6. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT—SECOND SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), That the Paper [*presented on the 11th November, 1947*], viz. :—
 United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Second Session of Preparatory Committee—Ministerial Statement—
 Debate resumed.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, by leave,
 That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Dedman from concluding his speech without interruption.
 Question—put and passed.
 Debate continued.
 Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 18th November, 1947 (page 400, and Appendix "A" to Votes and Proceedings No. 99).]

Item 3 debated—

Mr. Harrison moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
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Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Item further debated and agreed to.

Items 8, 12 and 13 agreed to.

Item 17 debated and agreed to.

Item 22 agreed to.

Item 23 debated and agreed to.

Items 24 and 43 agreed to.

Item 44 debated and agreed to.

Items 46, 49, 50 and 51 agreed to.

Item 52 debated and agreed to.

Item 53 agreed to.

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Item 54 debated and agreed to.

Items 55, 57, 58, 74, 76, 78, 82, 86, 87 and 90 agreed to.

Item 91 debated.

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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to 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. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Johnson, Sir Earle Page*, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.