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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 2nd September, be printed :—  
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1947–48.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1946 (including Detailed Return in relation to the Election for the House of Representatives, 1946, for the Northern Territory), and the submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled :—  
(1) " Constitution Alteration (Social Services) 1946 " ;  
(2) " Constitution Alteration (Organized Marketing of Primary Products) 1946 " ; and  
(3) " Constitution Alteration (Industrial Employment) 1946 " ;  
together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903–1946.  
Elections, 1946—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1946, viz. :—  
New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of—  
Health—F. R. Cawthorn, H. B. Cumpston, J. J. Gard, R. S. Martin.  
Post-war Reconstruction—J. E. Brocksopp, R. Buchanan, R. J. M. Gordon.  
Shipping and Fuel—L. W. D. Taylor.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Department of Post-war Reconstruction purposes—Wingfield, South Australia.  
Department of Shipping and Fuel purposes—Onslow, Western Australia.  
Postal purposes—  
Carrum, Victoria.  
Kadina East, South Australia.  
Monbulk, Victoria.  
Picton, New South Wales.  
Port Lincoln, South Australia.  
Tumut, New South Wales.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 2—Advisory Council.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance—1948—No. 2—Workmen's Compensation.  
Regulations—1948—No. 1 (Buildings and Services Ordinance).

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4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Lang, viz. :—*That the following words be added to the Address :—  
“and to inform Your Excellency that because the Communist Party, as an agency of a foreign power, admits it owes no allegiance to the Commonwealth of Australia, and because its avowed objective is the overthrow of constitutional government in Australia, with force if necessary, this House is of the opinion that your advisers should be asked to take the following action to deal with the grave emergency rapidly developing within the nation to threaten its security :—

- (a) The Communist Party and its auxiliaries should be declared illegal organizations and necessary legislation should be submitted to this Parliament to deal with them as treasonable agencies ;
- (b) No Communist should be employed by the Commonwealth in any position involving the security of this country ;
- (c) The appointments of all Communists on Government boards and agencies should be terminated immediately ;
- (d) All newspaper and newsprint licences of the Communist Party and its auxiliaries should be withdrawn, and the despatch of its publications through the Post Office should be prohibited ;
- (e) All premises occupied by Communist organizations (including Marx House, Sydney) should be declared illegal premises, and all telephone facilities should be withdrawn by the Postmaster-General ;
- (f) Legislation based on the New South Wales Consorting Act should be introduced, making it illegal for members of the Communist Party to consort together ;
- (g) That the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act should be amended to make it an offence for any registered trade union to pay any of its funds into any Communist Party organization ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hutchinson 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. ADJOURNMENT.— Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question- -put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beale, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Spender.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*