

1948.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. "LUTANA" AIR DISASTER—COURT OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that a Court of Inquiry had been constituted to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the disaster to the passenger aircraft *Lutana*.
3. PASTORAL LEASES, NORTHERN TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to existing and future leases of pastoral lands in the Northern Territory.  
Mr. Blain, by leave, also made a Statement in respect of the matter.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hutchinson 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, "Circumstances surrounding the disclosure by the Prime Minister that certain shares in Radio Station 2HD are held by him as Trustee of the Australian Parliamentary Labour Party".  
Mr. Deputy 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. Hutchinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. Hutchinson be granted an extension of time.  
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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lenmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dednan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Lang	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

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 Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), pursuant to leave given on the 15th September, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Social Services Consolidation Act 1947 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. McDonald 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. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS’ REPATRIATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to leave given on the 15th September, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920-1947 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Barnard moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. McDonald 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.
7. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES’ COMPENSATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), pursuant to leave given on the 15th September, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Employees’ Compensation Act 1930-1944 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. McDonald 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. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances . . . . . £12,000

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Harrison, viz. :—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.

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

9. 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 ten minutes past ten 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. Falstein, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Williams.

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