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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 68.

TUESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Clark) took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Evatt, Senator McKenna would act as Attorney-General and he would act as Minister for External Affairs. Mr. Holloway would represent the Acting Attorney-General in the House of Representatives.
4. 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.
5. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Chairman of Committees shall, on each sitting day, during the absence of the Speaker, take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, and may, during such absence, perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Speaker in relation to all proceedings of the House and to proceedings of Standing Committees and Joint Statutory Committees to which the Speaker is appointed.
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—A. G. Elliott.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Commerce and Agriculture—W. D. N. Johnson.
 - Post-war Reconstruction—D. H. Case.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—
 - Ouse, Tasmania.
 - Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Biloela, Queensland.
 - Blighty, New South Wales.
 - Marlborough, Queensland.
 - Murrumba, Queensland.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 - Ordinances—1949—
 - No. 1—Fish Protection.
 - No. 2—Nurses Registration.
 - Regulations—1949—
 - No. 1 (Apprenticeship Ordinance).
 - No. 2 (Education Ordinance).

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7. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed by Mr. White who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ the Bill be withdrawn and referred to a Select Committee for report as to whether the Bill meets the requirements of the Territories concerned, and to seek advice upon the best methods for restoring local government and civil administration for the welfare of the native population and for the economic development of Papua and New Guinea ”.
Debate continued.
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.
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 twenty-eight 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. Barnard, Mr. Burke, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Ward and Mr. Williams.

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