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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 111.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Northern Territory—Report on Administration for 1947-48.
 - Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1947-48.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Commerce and Agriculture—J. A. Zwar.
 - Defence—G. J. Stephenson.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
 - Prahran East, Victoria.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO CENSURE MOTION.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion (Censure Motion) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.
 Question—put and passed.
4. CENSURE MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the present shortage of petrol supplies in Australia, which is increasingly affecting vital production and transport, is to a substantial extent due to the policy and inaction of the Government, and that the Government in consequence deserves the censure of this House.
 Debate ensued.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fadden from concluding his speech without interruption.
 Question—put and passed.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
 Petrol from Poland—Copy of Cablegram, dated 9th September, 1949, from the Australian High Commissioner's Office, London.
 Debate continued.
 Two Members rising to speak—
 Mr. Lang moved, That the honorable Member for Reid be now heard.
 Question—put.
 The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mrs. Blackburn	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald

Noes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Lang	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald

Noes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
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And so it was negatived.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell and Mr. Scullin.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.