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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 116.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1949.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (No. 2) 1949.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1949.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Menzies then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mrs. Blackburn:—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Commonwealth Constitution be amended to provide for the Initiative, the Referendum and the Recall, and that at the next general election there be submitted to the people a proposal for alteration of the Constitution accordingly-

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question-That the debate be now adjourned-put.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

- 4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 5. 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

.. £12,400

be agreed to.

Ordered-That Mr. Fadden be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Adermann, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.