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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Evatt, in accordance with Standing Order No. 317, having called for a document quoted from by the Treasurer, Mr. Fadden laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Burdekin River Irrigation, Hydro-electric and Flood Mitigation Project—Preliminary Report of Inter-departmental Committee, dated 10th November, 1949.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, taking precedence of all other business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—
Archerfield, Queensland.
Cairns, Queensland.
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
Blackall, Queensland.
Coonamble, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—
Goulburn, New South Wales.
Smithtown, New South Wales.
Taree, New South Wales.
Telephonic purposes—Bega, New South Wales.
Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 18.
Wheat Industry Stabilization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 19.
6. MR. SPEAKER—CENSURE MOTION.—Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, having taken into consideration the statement made by Mr. Speaker from the Chair on the 30th March last referring to his relationships with His Excellency the Governor-General, is of opinion that Mr. Speaker merits its censure.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.
Closure.—Mr. Menzies moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pittard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. Spender	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson	
		Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 38.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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		Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley	

And so it was negatived.

7. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 (“Grievance Day”—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for the next sitting.

8. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 7—

Ordered—That the clause be considered by proposed sections.

Clause to the end of proposed section 9 debated.

The Chairman (Mr. Adermann) having called upon Mr. Bowden to speak—

Point of Order.—Mr. T. P. Burke raised a Point of Order that two honorable Members on the Government side of the House had been called in succession.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that in calling upon Members to address the Committee the Chair was not bound to alternate the call between the Government and the Opposition.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Burke having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Debate on the clause to the end of proposed section 9 continued.

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Member named and suspended.—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Herbert (Mr. Edmonds) for refusing to apologize to the Chair for interjecting after having been asked to desist. The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstances to the House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Herbert be suspended from the service of the House.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Townley
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at twenty-one minutes to nine o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 7—

Debate on the clause to the end of proposed section 9 continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anthony, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Riordan, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. Watkins and Mr. B. M. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.