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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **EQUIPMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Acting Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the equipment supplied to the Australian Military Forces, and, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—  
Equipment of Australian Troops—Ministerial Statement.  
Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Curtin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 33.  
National Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 36, 37.
4. **RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1945.**—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Re-establishment in Civil Life of Members of the Forces, for facilitating their Employment, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
5. **COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945.**—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.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fadden concluding his speech without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Fadden 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That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" the Bill be withdrawn as a direction to the Government that it be redrafted, to provide, inter alia :—  
(1) That the Commonwealth Bank Board be maintained in accordance with the decision and recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia.  
(2) That the Note Issue should be limited by statute.  
(3) That the Commonwealth Bank be so constituted that each of its constituent parts shall be provided with separate management, and with whatever liaison as is necessary to ensure a co-ordinated policy.  
(4) That the Commonwealth General Trading Bank and Industrial Finance Bank be treated, insofar as their relationship to the Central Bank is concerned, in exactly the same way as other Trading Banks ".  
Debate continued.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Curtin moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) concluding his speech without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Dedman continued and concluded his speech.  
Ordered—That Mr. White be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Sir Earle Page 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.

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6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
7. MOTOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURE LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1945.—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.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Corser be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Blain, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Guy, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Makin, and Mr. Watkins.

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