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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1945.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JOHN GELLIBRAND.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House of the death on the 3rd June of Major-General Sir John Gellibrand, and moved, That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Major-General Sir John Gellibrand, K.C.B., D.S.O., a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Denison, Tasmania, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—Question—passed.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Acting 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.
4. EQUIPMENT FOR FIGHTING FORCES, NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations of lack of suitable earth-moving and other equipment in certain operations in New Guinea.
5. INTERSTATE TRAVEL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action proposed to be taken by the Government to regulate interstate travel, consequent upon an Order under the National Security (Land Transport) Regulations having been declared invalid by the High Court.
6. INDUSTRIAL STOPPAGE, PORT KEMBLA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action taken by the Government to prevent any industrial stoppage of essential production at Port Kembla beyond the unauthorized holiday taken by certain employees on the 7th May.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (69).  
National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 91–93.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances—1945—  
No. 5 —Police Superannuation.  
No. 6 —Australian Mutual Provident Society.
8. 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—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 resumed.  
Mr. Corser 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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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Abbott, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde\*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen\*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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