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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 7.
Wool Use Promotion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 6.
3. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BOARD—DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the dismissal by the Stevedoring Industry Board of certain Chairmen of Boards of Reference in Queensland and Western Australia.
4. 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, before the Address in Reply is adopted, Notice of Motion No. 1 (Objection to Speaker's Ruling) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
5. PROPOSED OBJECTION TO SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Rosevear, proposing to move, pursuant to notice, That the Ruling of the Speaker—that the honorable Member for Bennelong was in order in replying to a matter raised in a previous debate when speaking to the motion for the adjournment of the House—be disagreed with—
Point of Order.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) raised a Point of Order that the proposed Motion of Dissent was not in order as, in accordance with Standing Order No. 287, objection in the terms stated should have been taken on Tuesday last immediately following the Ruling, instead of yesterday.
Other honorable Members addressed themselves to the Point of Order.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled, that the proposed motion, as presented, was out of order.
Dissent from Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Evatt handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling:—That the Ruling of Mr. Speaker given on Thursday, 9th March, in relation to Notice of Motion No. 1, ruling such motion out of order as a result of the objection of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister—be disagreed with.
The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.
6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Graham be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Morgan be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Bowden be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.

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Ordered—That Mr. James be granted an extension of time.

Mr. Mackinnon 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 a later hour this day.

7. FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement outlining the foreign policy of the Government, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Foreign Policy—Ministerial Statement, 9th March, 1950—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Evatt 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. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

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Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. C. R. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Keon 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Eggins, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Minogue.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.