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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL CHANGES, CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) formally announced to the House details of recent changes in Ministerial portfolios as follows :—
- The Right Honorable R. G. Casey to be Minister for National Development in addition to his portfolio as Minister for Works and Housing ;  
 Senator the Honorable G. McLeay to be Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport ; and  
 The Honorable Howard Beale to be Minister for Supply.
- Mr. Menzies also announced that the following departments had been abolished :—
- Department of Post-war Reconstruction,  
 Department of Information,  
 Department of Supply and Development,  
 Department of Shipping and Fuel,  
 Department of Transport,  
 and three new Departments established, namely—  
 Department of National Development,  
 Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport, and  
 Department of Supply,  
 and advised the House of the consequent major alterations in the organization of departments.
- Mr. Menzies informed the House that during the absence of the Minister for Defence (the Honorable Eric J. Harrison), the Minister for the Interior (the Honorable P. A. M. McBride) will administer the Department of Defence.
- Mr. Menzies also informed the House that, following on the changes mentioned, Ministers in the House of Representatives will be represented in the Senate as follows :—
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| Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence  | .. .. | Senator O'Sullivan. |
| Postmaster-General, the Minister for Health, and the Minister for Supply   |       | Senator Cooper.     |
| Treasurer, the Minister for National Development, the Minister for Works and Housing, the Minister for the Army, and the Minister for the Navy       |       | Senator Spooner.    |
| Minister for the Interior, the Minister for Air, the Minister for Civil Aviation, and the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture                      |       | Senator McLeay.     |
| Minister for External Affairs, the Minister for External Territories, the Minister for Labour and National Service, and the Minister for Immigration |       | Senator Spicer.     |
- and that Senate Minister will be represented in the House of Representatives as follows :—
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| Minister for Trade and Customs            | .. .. | Mr. McBride. |
| Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport |       | Mr. Anthony. |
| Minister for Social Services              |       | Mr. Holt.    |
| Minister for Repatriation                 |       | Mr. Francis. |
| Attorney-General                          |       | Mr. Menzies. |
3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
- Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—  
 No. 5—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 6—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.  
 No. 7—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 8—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
 Commerce and Agriculture—N. G. Brown, E. J. Pinner.  
 Social Services—K. B. Crisp.  
 Works and Housing—K. J. Dalgarno.  
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 10.  
 Wool Use Promotion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 6, 9.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT—NEW STANDING ORDERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, dated 16th March, 1950—  
 Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, dated 16th March, 1950, be adopted and that the Proposed Standing Orders be the Standing Orders of the House, to come into operation forthwith.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
7. FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 9th March, 1950*], viz. :—  
 Foreign Policy—Ministerial Statement, 9th March, 1950—  
 be printed—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Mullens be granted an extension of time.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Drury be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.  
 Ordered—That Mr. C. W. Russell be granted an extension of time.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Townley be granted an extension of time.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Beazley be granted an extension of time.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Downer be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. E. James Harrison 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. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Swartz and Mr. B. M. Wight.

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