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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL, 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. HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connexion with the Address in Reply :—  

MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the Address-in-Reply at the Opening of the Nineteenth Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia has been laid before His Majesty The King, and I am commanded to convey to you and to Honourable Members, His Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message which your Address contained.

24th April, 1950.

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.
3. 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.
4. IMMIGRATION—ADMISSION OF DISPLACED PERSONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the numbers of displaced persons to be brought to Australia this year under the Government's immigration programme.  
Mr. Calwell, by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
5. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Dissolution of the Australian Communist Party and of other Communist Organizations, to disqualify Communists from holding certain Offices, and for purposes connected therewith.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSIONS TO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE, SYDNEY.—Mr. Casey (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—Extensions to School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Sydney, New South Wales.  
Mr. Casey having laid on the Table plans in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
7. 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—

Proposed section 9A debated.

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*Closure*.—Dame Enid Lyons (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

		AYES, 56.		
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egging	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Ryan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

		NOES, 37.		
Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That proposed section 9A be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

		AYES, 57.		
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egging	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. C. W. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
		NOES, 38.		
Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. RIGHT OF SPEECH.—Mr. C. R. Cameron moved, That the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Ward) be now heard.

Question—put.

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

		AYES, 36.		
Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
		NOES, 57.		
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Egging	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pittard	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Falkinder	Dame E. Lyons	Mr. C. W. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Graham	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

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9. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for the Dissolution of the Australian Communist Party and of other Communist Organizations, to disqualify Communists from holding certain Offices, and for purposes connected therewith* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Menzies asked leave to move the second reading forthwith.

Leave granted.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies from concluding his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

*Distinguished Visitor.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Honorable W. G. Polson, Minister without portfolio in the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Chifley (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.

10. 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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 7—

Proposed sections 9B and 9c debated.

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.

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

NOES, 36.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That proposed sections 9B and 9c be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.

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

NOES, 37.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

*Closure.*—Mr. White (Minister for Air) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at two 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. Anthony, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Handby, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Peters and Mr. Watkins.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*