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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

THURSDAY, 4TH MAY, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Report to General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1948–49.
New Guinea—Report to General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1948–49.
Papua—Report for year 1948–49.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. "RADIO AUSTRALIA"—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the decision of the Government to restrict certain transmissions in connection with "Radio Australia" short-wave broadcasts.
Mr. Calwell, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James), on the ground of ill health.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 1950.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Senate.
Question—put and passed.
6. 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 11 debated and agreed to.
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 1950.—
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Senate*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, 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.

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8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
9. 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—
Mr. Daly 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) 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 half-past nine 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Corser, Mr. Davis, Mr. Handby, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James*, Mr. Kent Hughes, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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