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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 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, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1949-50, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—No. 2 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal— Report for year 1949-50.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of National Development— E. H. Morgan.

Egg Export Control Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, for year 1949-50, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Cowell, South Australia (substitute copy).

Postal purposes—Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Meat Export Control Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1949-50, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

3. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950 [No. 2].—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Banking Act* 1947-1948 and to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1945-1948.

Point of Order.—Mr. Rosevear stated that the title of the Bill was the same as the title of a Bill passed by this House and still before the Senate, and raised a Point of Order that two identical Bills could not be under consideration at the same time.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that, in accordance with certain provisions of the Constitution, it was in order for two identical Bills to be before the Parliament at the one time.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Fadden 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.

4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—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. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 27th September,* 1950], viz. :—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 27th September, 1950— be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Roberton 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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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past
ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. T. P. Burke,
Mr. Casey, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Howse, Mr. Kent Hughes,
Mr. Lawrence, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Spender
and Mr. B. M. Wight.

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