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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 87.

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1951.

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. PROMOTION OF MATTERS FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made a Statement informing the House that the rule relating to advocacy by honorable Members of matters in which they have been concerned professionally, referred to in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 14th ed., page 115, was binding upon all honorable Members except the Attorney-General when he has appeared in court on behalf of the Commonwealth.
Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
3. PERSONAL EXPLANATION—RIGHT TO MAKE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker stated that the Chair is the authority to determine whether the indulgence of the House is granted to an honorable Member desiring to explain matters of a personal nature.
4. CONTROL OF MEMBERS OUTSIDE HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker referred to the action of an honorable Member in making a speech from the steps of Parliament House on Friday last, and informed the House that, as the incident occurred outside the walls of the building, the Chair had no authority to intervene.
Mr. Rosevear asked leave to make a Statement with reference to the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. BRITISH CHILD MIGRANTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to newspaper allegations of exploitation of British child migrants.
6. MIGRANTS IN CANBERRA—LIVING CONDITIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the remarks made by a member of the Australian Capital Territory Advisory Council alleging sub-standard accommodation of migrants in the industrial area at Kingston, Canberra.
7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Synchronous Motor-operated Electrical Time Switches.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 5.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 6.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and Designs (3).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 10.
Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 9.
Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 8.
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 18th January, 1951 (Statutory Rules, 1951, No. 4).
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Defence purposes—Toowoomba, Queensland.
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
Archerfield, Queensland.
Camooweal, Queensland.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—
J. R. Adams, R. F. Alexander, P. H. Allen, K. Arnold, W. F. Barnfield, J. A. Bashford, R. H. Bayly, E. G. P. Beevors, R. C. Bennett, T. Blackley, A. Boag, E. J. Bradford, D. W. Brown, J. H. Buckman, R. B. Butters, D. E. C. Charlwood, F. A. G. Cooper, S. H. B. Cooper, R. H. V. Cullenn, K. Eddy, R. J. M. Edey, M. D. Evans, A. A. Gillett, A. H. Green, K. R. Hansen, H. F. Harrison, R. D. Heazlewood, W. L. Jeffrey, F. E. Johnston, G. M. Kendrick, J. E. Lauder, K. J. Leonard, I. C. Lewitzka, R. A. Locatelli, E. G. Long, B. H. Macauley, E. J. McCubbin, J. P. McCubbin, P. L. McMillan, M. S. Miles, T. R. Miller, W. J. Molloy, H. T. Moores, W. A. W. Overell, N. L. Petchler.

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M. F. Pittman, H. L. Pleydell, R. M. Power, G. J. Quinan, J. P. F. Reid, R. S. Rich, I. R. Richardson, I. D. Rolley, J. E. Sansom, L. A. Sayers, W. B. Skinner, R. D. Stair, A. E. Steel, E. H. Summerville, S. E. Sutcliffe, F. J. Swadling, C. L. Taylor, N. N. Taylor, G. F. Turner, G. Uttley, R. H. Watts, L. J. Weatherburn, B. J. Wells, L. B. Willis, I. H. Winkler.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—

Nos. 9 and 10—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 11—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 12—Peace Officer Guard Association.

No. 13—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 14—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 15—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 16—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; and Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 7.

War Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1951, No. 11.

8. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fraser proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The present serious position of the dairying industry" —

Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Fraser moved, That the House do now adjourn.

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

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) be granted an extension of time.

Mr. Daly moved, That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 36.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	

NOES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Berry	Mr. Egging	Mr. Holt	Mr. Opperman	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pittard	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Spender	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Gullett 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 negatived.

9. PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, LONDON, 1951—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 7th March, 1951*], viz. :—
Prime Ministers' Conference, London, 1951—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Mullens 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.

10. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION ACT—COURT'S DECISION OF INVALIDITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the decision of the High Court that the Communist Party Dissolution Act was invalid, and informed the House of the effect of the decision in relation to the activities of the Communist Party, the Commonwealth's preparations for war, and the Government's legislative programme. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Communist Party Dissolution Act—Court's Decision of Invalidity—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

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Ordered—That Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to 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. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wheeler.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.