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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 88.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH 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. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that action be taken to secure by a referendum of the people an extension of the Commonwealth's constitutional powers to enable the passing of legislation by the Commonwealth Parliament to control prices, were presented as under :—
By Mr. Drummond, from certain citizens of New South Wales.
By Mr. Fairhall, from certain citizens of New South Wales.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. E. H. D. Russell (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of an Automatic Telephone Exchange and Carrier Building, Bathurst, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1949-50, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Social Services Consolidation Act—Report by the Director-General of Social Services for year 1949-50.
Ordered to be printed.
Broadcasting Act—Eighteenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1949-50.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Immigration purposes—Mount Barker, South Australia.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1951.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1950*, as amended by the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1951*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Menzies 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. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Evatt 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.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 3) 1951.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Tenure of Office of the Chief Conciliation Commissioner.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Tenure of Office of the Chief Conciliation Commissioner.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt and Mr. McEwen do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Hasluck moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) from continuing his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Gullett moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt from making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven 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. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McLeay and Mr. Opperman.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.