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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 89.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. E. James Harrison presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that action be taken to secure by 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.
Petition 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 the Irwin Automatic Telephone Exchange, Perth, Western Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Taxation—Twenty-ninth Report of Commissioner, dated 1st December, 1950, together with Statistical Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Windsor, New South Wales.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1951—No. 1—Crown Lands.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1951—No. 1—Workmen's Compensation.
Regulations—1951—
No. 1 (Workmen's Compensation Ordinance and Northern Territory Government Ordinance).
No. 2 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—W. A. Craig, N. J. N. Evans, J. F. Ferris, A. E. Fulton, J. C. F. Lane, R. K. McKinnon, R. R. Morcom, N. R. Schwertfeger, A. C. Scott, W. J. Stuart.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED.—Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Order of the Day No. 3, General Business, being proceeded with forthwith.
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.

15th March, 1951.

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

AYES, 65.

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

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Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Order of the Day No. 3, General Business, being proceeded with forthwith—being accordingly put—

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Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

7. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Mr. McBride (Minister for Defence) 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.

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1951.—Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. McBride 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. McBride moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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. McBride, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15th March, 1951.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 3) 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 87.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Tenure of Office of the Chief Conciliation Commissioner*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th March, 1951.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 1951.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. T. W. White
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Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, to be taken as a whole.

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. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*National Service Bill 1950*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for National Service in the Defence Force, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1951*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 89.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th March, 1951.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

15th and 16th March, 1951.

The House² continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1951.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Clarey, 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. Mullens.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.