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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 63.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY, 1952.

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. WITHDRAWAL OF OFFENSIVE WORDS—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker referred to May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 15th ed., page 445, dealing with the power of the Chair to enforce order, and informed the House that the practice in regard to the withdrawal of offensive words would be based on that usage. Mr. Speaker stated that he would require the withdrawal of any disorderly statement which he hears; when his attention is called to a statement considered to be disorderly, he will judge whether it is unparliamentary. Doubtful cases not provided for by practice or the Standing Orders would be referred immediately to the judgment of the House.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports—
 - Religious Cards.
 - Rubber Footwear.
 - Timber (shooks).
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1952—
 - No. 1—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
 - No. 2—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
 - No. 3—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 4—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 5—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
 - No. 6—Boilermakers' Society of Australia.
 - No. 7—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 8—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 9—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - No. 10—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1950-51.
4. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY BILL 1952.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aluminium Industry Act 1944*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Beale 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. Beale moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Evatt (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.
5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), That the Paper [presented on the 6th May, 1952], viz. :—
 Financial Statement by the Right Honorable Sir Arthur Fadden, K.C.M.G., M.P., Treasurer—be printed—
 Debate resumed by Mr. Calwell, who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the financial statement presented by the Treasurer conclusively establishes that the Government's financial and economic measures have had and are having disastrous effects and are still causing unnecessary hardship and avoidable suffering to the people of Australia, and that the Government possesses the confidence neither of the Parliament nor of the nation".

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Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell from continuing his speech without limitation of time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Debate on original motion and amendment continued.

Mr. Brimblecombe 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past 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. Drummond, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Treloar, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.