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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPUA—SUSPENSION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION—REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories) laid upon the Table, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, the following Paper :—  
Papua—Suspension of Civil Administration—Report of Commissioner (Mr. J. V. Barry, K.C.) appointed under the National Security Regulations—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Menzies (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.
3. CASES OF PRIVATE WILSON, PRIVATE DERRICK AND SAPPER CHALMERS—REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Acting Minister for the Army) laid upon the Table, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, the following Paper :—  
Cases of Private J. Wilson, Private J. J. Derrick and Sapper A. L. Chalmers—Final Report of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Reed) appointed under the National Security Regulations—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Harrison 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. INDUSTRIAL STOPPAGE, PORT KEMBLA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of certain facts in connexion with the action of some employees at Port Kembla in taking an unauthorized holiday on the 7th May.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 79.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—No. 20.  
National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order—New South Wales (No. 6).  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78.
6. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—*That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn as a direction to the Government that it be redrafted, to provide, inter alia :—  
(1) That the Commonwealth Bank Board be maintained in accordance with the decision and recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia.  
(2) That the Note Issue should be limited by statute.  
(3) That the Commonwealth Bank be so constituted that each of its constituent parts shall be provided with separate management, and with whatever liaison as is necessary to ensure a co-ordinated policy.  
(4) That the Commonwealth General Trading Bank and Industrial Finance Bank be treated, insofar as their relationship to the Central Bank is concerned, in exactly the same way as other Trading Banks"—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Hadley was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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7. MAN-POWER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of proposals for reducing the man-power strength of the Defence Forces and for adjusting the man-power balance between the Forces and the civil economy. Mr. Chifley then, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Man-power—Ministerial Statement, 1st June, 1945—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Harrison 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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Debate resumed.

Mr. Breen was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Burke, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde\*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Watkins\*.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.