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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1950.

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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent motions being moved in connexion with the introduction and first and second readings of the Commonwealth Bank Bill 1950.
Question—put and passed.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Banking Act* 1947–1948 and to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1945–1948.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Air Services between Australia and Ceylon—Copy of Agreement for the Establishment, and Correspondence regarding frequency of service.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works and Housing—
R. G. C. Agnew.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Ryan be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. McBride (Minister for the Interior), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUPPLY.—Mr. McBride (Minister for the Interior), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

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9. JAPANESE WAR CRIMES TRIALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF 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 24th February, 1950*], viz. :—
Japanese War Crimes Trials—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
10. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to repeal the ‘ Banking Act 1947–1948 ’ and to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Bank Act 1945–1948 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time. °
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Chifley (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.
11. FOREIGN POLICY—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. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 9th March, 1950*], viz. :—
Foreign Policy—Ministerial Statement, 9th March, 1950—
be printed—
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt from concluding his speech without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate resumed on the motion.
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.
12. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report, dated 16th March, 1950, with Proposed Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Leslie, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Opperman, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Watkins and Mr. B. M. Wight.

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