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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 23RD 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works and Housing—
G. E. Robertson, D. T. Thomson, H. C. Williams.
3. 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—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Clarey be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Wentworth be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That W. M. Bourke be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Kent Hughes be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Drummond be granted an extension of 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 a later hour this day.
4. WATERFRONT INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE, BRISBANE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the "rolling strike" tactics being employed on the Brisbane waterfront to interrupt the loading and unloading of ships, and informed the House that, in order to deal with the situation, a Proclamation had been made this day in accordance with, and for the purposes of the powers expressed in, section 30J of the *Crimes Act 1914-1946*.
5. 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—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Chifley from concluding his speech without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Kekwick be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Cremean be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Duthie be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Davis 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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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Beale, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Costa, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Swartz, Mr. T. W. White and Mr. B. M. Wight).

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