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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY, 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. White, Mr. Casey (Minister for National Development) would act as Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation.
3. COMMUNISTS AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to certain people mentioned by him in his second-reading speech on the Communist Party Dissolution Bill as being Communists occupying offices in key unions.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Social Services—S. B. Benson.
Works and Housing—D. G. Campbell, C. T. Eeles, H. Foskett, R. E. Robb.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Defence purposes—Richmond, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Haymarket (Sydney), New South Wales.
5. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Holt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Calwell 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
7. 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. Ryan be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Swartz be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Bate 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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8. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—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—
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) from concluding his speech without limitation of time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Debate resumed.
 Ordered—That Mr. Spender be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Spender from concluding his speech without limitation of time.
 Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
 Debate continued.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Menzies moved, 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, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) 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.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bostock, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Corser, Mr. Drury, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James*, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Treloar and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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