

1950.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

THURSDAY, 25TH MAY, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent two Ministerial Statements being made.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eiggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. Menzies	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. C. W. Russell	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Spender	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Graham	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 40.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

4. TINPLATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the steps being taken by the Government to maintain supplies of tinsplate. Mr. Beale then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Tinsplate—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Davidson 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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5. SYDNEY TELEPHONE SERVICES—ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULAR PRACTICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) made a Ministerial Statement with reference to published allegations that certain departmental officers in Sydney were engaged in communicating racing information, improperly obtained, to unauthorized persons. Mr. Anthony then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
- Sydney Telephone Services—Allegations of Irregular Practices—Ministerial Statement—
- and moved, That the Paper be printed.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
6. THE LATE CAPTAIN ALBERT JACKA, V.C.—BROADCAST MISREPRESENTATIONS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. McDonald, by leave, made a Statement deploring certain inaccuracies and misrepresentations regarding the life of the late Captain Albert Jacka, V.C., M.C. and Bar, which were contained in a programme broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Commission on the 25th April last.
- Mr. Ward, by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Keon proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The failure of the Government to carry out its election promise to put value back in the pound by checking the ever-increasing cost of living and by halting the inflationary spiral which threatens the national economy”—
- Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
- Mr. Keon moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Mr. Clark moved, That Mr. Keon be granted an extension of time.
- Question—put.
- The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 41.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

NOES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Spender
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Gullett

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) having been called upon to speak—

Point of Order.—Mr. Daly raised a Point of Order that the Member who proposed to second the motion was entitled to the call.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the necessary support for the motion was given by eight Members rising in their places, in accordance with Standing Order No. 48.

Debate on motion ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. C. W. Russell
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Downer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Spender
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	Mr. B. M. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
		Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. E. H. D. Russell
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Davies	Harrison	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 40.

Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. E. H. D. Russell	

NOES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Handby	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
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Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Jack	Mr. C. W. Russell	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Spender	

And so it was negatived.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS.—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., General Business was not called on.
9. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION 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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight 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. Dean, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. James*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mulcahy*, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pittard, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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