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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 45.

THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE, 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. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Ministerial Statement being made by the Minister for External Affairs.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
4. DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—POSITION OF SECRETARY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) made a Ministerial Statement announcing the appointment of Mr. A. S. Watt as Secretary, Department of External Affairs, in place of Dr. J. W. Burton, who has been granted six months' leave of absence.
Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in connexion with the matter.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1949-50.—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. Andrews 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.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 6, 7 and 8, Government Business.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Pollard from concluding his speech in the Committee of Ways and Means on the Wool (Contributory Charge) Resolution without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) on the 13th June, 1950 (*see* pages 131-2).
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Dissolution of the Australian Communist Party and of other Communist Organizations, to disqualify Communists from holding certain Offices, and for purposes connected therewith*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 15th June, 1950.

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three 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. G. Anderson, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bate, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dean, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Graham, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Gullett, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric. J. Harrison*, Mr. Howse, Mr. Jack, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Osborne, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

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