

1950.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 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. OVERTIME FOR PARLIAMENTARY OFFICERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the question of payment of overtime to Parliamentary Officers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Overtime for Parliamentary Officers—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Evatt 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.
3. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Chairman of Committees shall, on each sitting day, during the absence of the Speaker, take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, and may, during such absence, perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Speaker in relation to all proceedings of the House and to proceedings of Standing Committees and Joint Statutory Committees to which the Speaker is appointed.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Taxation—Twenty-eighth Report of Commissioner, dated 16th May, 1949, together with Statistical Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Calwell proposing to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The actions of the Minister for Trade and Customs in illegally authorizing and making refunds from revenue of considerable sums of money paid as duty on timber and other commodities admitted to the Commonwealth for home consumption"—
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. Calwell moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure moved.—Mr. Calwell 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)—

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| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Clark | Mr. Fitzgerald | Mr. Keon | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Beazley | Mr. Costa | Mr. Fraser | Mr. Lawson | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Cremean | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. W. M. Bourke | Mr. Curtin | Mr. E. James | Mr. Minogue | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Bryson | Mr. Davies | Harrison | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Mulcahy | |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Duthie | Mr. Holloway | Mr. Mullens | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. James | Mr. Peters | Mr. Daly |
| Mr. Clarey | Mr. Evatt | Mr. Johnson | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Sheehan |

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Davis | Mr. Grayden | Mr. McColm | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. C. G. W. Anderson | Mr. Dean | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. McDonald | Mr. Treloar |
| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Downer | Mr. Handby | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Haworth | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drury | Mr. Holt | Mr. Menzies | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Berry | Mr. Eggins | Mr. Howse | Mr. Opperman | Mr. T. W. White |
| Mr. Bostock | Mr. Fadden | Mr. Hughes | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Failes | Mr. Hulme | Sir E. Page | |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Jack | Mr. Pearce | |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Fairhall | Mr. Kekwick | Mr. Pittard | |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Francis | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Robertson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Ryan | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Gilmore | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Swartz | Mr. Gullett |
| | Mr. Graham | Mr. McBride | Mr. Timson | |

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 92.

6. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 (“ Grievance Day ”—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for the next sitting.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—J. C. O'Donnell.
Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 55.
Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 56.
8. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950 [No. 2].—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. E. James Harrison 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. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to 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. T. P. Burke, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Lawrence, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Spender and Mr. B. M. Wight.

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Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.