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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 75.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FLOOD RELIEF—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the financial and other assistance given by the Commonwealth Government to the State Governments for flood relief.
3. COWRA IMMIGRATION CENTRE—DISTURBANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the demonstration regarding food rations which took place at Cowra Immigration Centre on the 17th November.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Health—P. D. Abbott.
Postmaster-General—H. Barber.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Meekatharra, Western Australia.
Immigration purposes—Port Stephens, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Broome, Western Australia.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1950—
No. 25—Public Service.
No. 26—Restricted Areas.
5. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 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. Osborne was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. WATERFRONT DISPUTES—SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Government was making application for the summoning to-morrow of a compulsory conference of the parties to the waterfront disputes in Sydney and Melbourne.
7. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McDonald reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1949 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd November, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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. Anthony, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. A. G. Cameron*, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Edmonds*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fitzgerald*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Freeth*, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Gullett, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lazzarini*, Dame Enid Lyons*, Mr. McBride, Mr. Opperman, Mr. E. H. D. Russell*, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wentworth.

* On leave.

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