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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1951.

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. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF WRITS FOR ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF BALACLAVA AND MACQUARIE.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from the Honorable Thomas Walter White a letter dated 20th June, 1951, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of BalACLAVA.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he intended to issue Writs on Thursday, 28th June, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of BalACLAVA in the State of Victoria, and for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Macquarie in the State of New South Wales in the place of the Right Honorable Joseph Benedict Chifley, deceased. The dates in connexion with both elections would be as follows:—

Date of Issue of Writs	..	..	..	28th June, 1951.
Date of Nominations	..	..	..	11th July, 1951.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	28th July, 1951.
Date of Return of Writs	..	..	..	On or before 22nd August, 1951.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.

4. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1951.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Banking Act 1947-1948* and to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1945-1948*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) 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.

6. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to developments in Korea, the peace settlement with Japan, a proposed security pact for the Pacific area and the Colombo plan for the co-operative economic development of South and South-East Asia. Mr. Casey then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 21st June, 1951—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) 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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Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Hughes be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Daly 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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 2.*

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz., Senators Henty, O'Byrne and Reid.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 21st June, 1951.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anderson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. James, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Nelson.

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