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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Civil Aviation—F. W. Brunsdon, M. J. McGrath.  
Defence—F. M. Petchell.  
Health—L. W. Alderman.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—  
No. 60—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
No. 61—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—  
1951—No. 6—Advisory Council.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—  
W. J. McKELL,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 11.*  
Proposed Laws intituled :—  
“ *Public Service Act 1951* ”  
“ *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1951* ”  
“ *Sugar Agreement Act 1951* ”  
as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.  
Government House,  
Canberra, 7th July, 1951.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m. Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1951.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1935-1947*.  
Question—put and passed.
6. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 21st June, 1951*], viz. :—  
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 21st June, 1951—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Thompson 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 the next sitting.
7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (POWERS TO DEAL WITH COMMUNISTS AND COMMUNISM) BILL 1951.—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—  
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having been called upon to speak—  
*Point of Order.*—Mr. Wentworth raised a Point of Order that the Right Honorable Member, having appeared professionally in the Court on the subject matter of the Bill, was, in accordance with the Ruling from the Chair on the 13th March, 1951, not entitled to speak in this debate.  
*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that, as Mr. Evatt had appeared in Court in a case dealing with the matter, he was debarred from speaking or voting in the House on the subject under discussion.

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Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt from making his speech.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Calwell proposing to move, That the Speaker's Ruling be dissented from—

*Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that it was now too late to dissent from the Ruling and that any action thereon would need to be on notice.

Question—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt from making his speech—put and passed.

Debate resumed on the motion, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt from continuing his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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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.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1951.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 15.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to repeal the 'Banking Act 1947-1948' and to amend the 'Commonwealth Bank Act 1945-1948'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th July, 1951.

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

And then the House, at eight minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Mullens and Mr. Watkins.

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