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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—RESTORATION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Government had decided to restore civil administration in the whole of Papua and in that portion of New Guinea south of the Markham River.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th March, be printed :—
War Gratuity—Report of the Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives appointed to inquire into and report on methods of recognition of the services of the Fighting Forces.
Question—put and passed.
5. CASES OF PRIVATE J. WILSON, PRIVATE J. J. DERRICK AND SAPPER A. L. CHALMERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPER.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the sentences imposed by court-martial on Private J. Wilson, Private J. J. Derrick and Sapper A. L. Chalmers, and, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Cases of Private J. Wilson, Private J. J. Derrick and Sapper A. L. Chalmers—Interim Report of Commissioner (Mr. Justice Reed) appointed under the National Security (Inquiries) Regulations.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—
National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (52).
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 74.
National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 81–83.
7. 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 Royal Highness the Governor-General be agreed to :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS—
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, to extend to Your Royal Highness a welcome to Australia, and to thank Your Royal Highness for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Williams be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Corser be granted extensions of time (2).
Mr. Smith 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the introduction and consideration of the Commonwealth Bank Bill and the Banking Bill.
Question—put and passed.

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9. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 3 and 4.
10. **COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945.**—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Chifley 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.
 Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Menzies (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 Wednesday, 21st March.
11. **BANKING BILL 1945.**—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to regulate Banking, to make provision for the Protection of the Currency and of the Public Credit of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Chifley 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.
 Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Menzies (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 Wednesday, 21st March.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Makin, Mr. Martens, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

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