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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 40.

TUESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1950.

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. NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS, WESTMINSTER—INVITATION TO OPENING.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Right Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons conveying the desire of the United Kingdom Government and the Speaker that this House should be represented at the opening of the new House of Commons on the 26th October. Mr. Speaker then laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
New House of Commons, Westminster—Invitation to Opening on the 26th October, 1950.
3. SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA—BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the main topics discussed and the more important decisions taken at the meeting of the British Commonwealth Consultative Committee, held at Sydney in May, to consider the economic and production problems of South and South-East Asia. Mr. Spender then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
South and South-East Asia—British Commonwealth Consultative Committee Conference, Sydney, May, 1950—
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.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Commerce and Agriculture—J. A. Hart.
Labour and National Service—H. I. Farrimond.
Repatriation—I. T. Macgowan.
Works and Housing—L. Benson, L. S. Coventry.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—Elizabeth Bay (Pott's Point), New South Wales.
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
Cowell, South Australia.
Cleve, South Australia.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.
6. OPEN-CUT COAL PRODUCTION.—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Federal Government's efforts to increase the production of open-cut coal in Australia should be continued and intensified; and, further, that the present underhand sabotage of open-cut coal production by the New South Wales Labour Government should be checked as far as possible.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108.
Ordered—That the time for the debate be extended.
Debate continued.
Mr. Osborne 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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7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 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. 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. C. G. W. Anderson, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Corser, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Jack, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.