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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1951.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the presence of certain overseas and Australian delegations to the Commonwealth Jubilee Celebrations. Thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, the following distinguished visitors were provided with seats on the floor of the House :—
  - The Right Honorable S. G. Holland, C.H., Prime Minister of New Zealand ;
  - The Right Honorable the Viscount Alexander of Hillsborough, Leader of the United Kingdom Delegation ;
  - The Right Honorable the Baron Lawson of Beamish, Member of the House of Lords ;
  - The Honorable Stephen Le Roux, Minister for Agriculture, Union of South Africa ; and
  - Mr. A. S. Carnahan, Leader of the United States Congressional Delegation.
 Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) welcomed the visitors to the House.
3. **COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE—MESSAGE FROM THE ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following message from the President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies :—
 

“ On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the first Federal Parliament of Australia, I desire most sincerely to convey to that honourable assembly expressions of democratic goodwill from this country and salutations from the Italian Chamber of Deputies, which expresses the earnest hope that the Commonwealth may enjoy ever greater good fortune and the Australian people ever greater prosperity.”

 Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That this House thanks the President and Members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies most sincerely for the message of good wishes sent on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commonwealth Parliament and reciprocates the sentiments contained in that message.  
 Mr. Evatt (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.  
 Question—put and passed.
4. **COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE—MESSAGE FROM THE BELGIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following message from the President of the Belgian House of Representatives :—
 

“ The Belgian House of Representatives associates itself with the legitimate joy and pride of your House on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of your Commonwealth Constitution. It congratulates the Australian nation on the remarkable progress made during the course of this half century under the protection of this Constitution which you are celebrating. Remembering with gratitude and admiration the heroic sacrifices suffered in two world wars by the people of Australia in the defence of the right and fundamental liberties of Democratic Nations, our Assembly earnestly hopes that they will advance in lasting peace towards a great and prosperous future.”

 Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That this House thanks the President and Members of the Belgian House of Representatives most sincerely for their message of congratulation on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commonwealth Constitution and reciprocates their expressions of goodwill. It is our earnest hope that the bonds of friendship established in the past between the people of our two countries will continue to be strengthened.  
 Mr. Evatt (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.  
 Question—put and passed.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Tariff Board—Reports—
    - Elastic 1 inch to 2 inches inclusive.
    - Meters, mechanically operated, for recording the flow of petrol and oil and other liquids.
    - Timber (Shooks).
    - Tractors over 60 brake horse-power.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Cuthbert, Western Australia.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of the Parliamentary Library—C. D. Mattingley, B. J. Millen, T. D. Sprod, C. L. Taylor.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1951—

No. 43—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia, and Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 44—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 45—Non-official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 46—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 47—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 48—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—First Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority for period ended 30th June, 1950.

6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.

7. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz.—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bate, Mr. Davidson, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Gullett and Mr. Rosevear.  
Question—put and passed.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Bland brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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.

Mr. Bland moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Brimblecombe seconded the motion.

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.

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

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to five 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. Fairhall, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McLeay and Mr. Wheeler.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*