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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 77.

TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1936.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 6th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF KING GEORGE V. AND ACCESSION OF KING EDWARD VIII.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, on the occasion of the lamented death of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and of the Accession of His Majesty King Edward the Eighth to the Throne, the following Message was transmitted by Mr. President and himself on behalf of the Parliament :—

Message transmitted through His Excellency the Governor-General.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, desire on behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, to convey to your Majesty an expression of the widespread sorrow with which the news of the death of your Royal father and our much-loved King has been received by the people of Australia, and of their heart-felt sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen and all the Members of the Royal Family.

Australians feel that they have lost a friend who, since he opened their first Commonwealth Parliament, had always taken a warm interest in the progress of their country, whose example during the Great War was an inspiration to them, and whose service in the cause of Peace made him also the friend of all mankind.

Australia rests assured that those high ideals which were cherished by His Late Majesty King George the Fifth will be followed by his son and successor, Your Imperial Majesty.

Our citizens recall with pride and satisfaction that your Majesty's visit to our country in 1920 resulted in strengthening the ties of kinship and affection which link together the free nations of the British Empire.

On behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth we desire to convey its unwavering loyalty to the Crown and to the Person of Your Most Gracious Majesty, and we, with confidence, hope and pray that, under Divine guidance, Your Majesty's reign may be a long and beneficent one, bringing happiness and prosperity to Your Majesty's subjects, and abiding peace among the nations of the world.

P. J. LYNCH, President.
GEORGE BELL, Speaker.

Parliament House,
Canberra, 22nd January, 1936.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that the following reply had been received from His Majesty :—

Buckingham Palace, London.

Dated 25th January, 1936.

On behalf of Queen Mary and myself I thank you most sincerely for your kind message of sympathy in our great loss. I have received with deep appreciation your expression of loyalty to myself on my accession to the Throne and your prayers for the happiness of my reign. It will always be my earnest endeavour under Divine providence to follow the example of duty and devotion to the welfare of the Empire which was set by my dear father.

10th March, 1936.

3. DEATH OF KING GEORGE V.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Resolution be transmitted through His Excellency the Governor-General to His Majesty the King :—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, on assembling for the first sitting of the Parliament since the lamented death of our late beloved Sovereign, King George V., express our profound sympathy in the great loss which Your Majesty, Her Majesty Queen Mary and the other members of the Royal Family have sustained.

And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Thomas Paterson having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

4. ACCESSION OF KING EDWARD VIII.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Resolution be transmitted through His Excellency the Governor-General to His Majesty the King :—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, offer our congratulations on Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and desire to assure your Majesty of our loyalty and allegiance, and to express our earnest hope that Your Majesty's reign may be a long and successful one, and marked by the prosperity and progress of the countries comprising the British Empire.

And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion—
And all Members standing, the question was put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. McCall, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Earle Page.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.