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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

FRIDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1937.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CASE OF A CHINESE IMMIGRANT.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to a Chinese who was granted permission to remain in Australia, after having been charged with being a prohibited immigrant.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—VOLCANIC DISTURBANCES AT RABAU.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the recent volcanic disturbances at Rabaul, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - League of Nations—Convention for facilitating International Circulation of Films of Educational Character, 11th October, 1933.
 - International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twenty-first and Twenty-second (Maritime) Sessions, Geneva, October, 1936—Reports of the Australian Delegates, together with Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted.
 - League of Nations—Seventeenth Assembly, September-October, 1936—Report of the Australian Delegation.
 - Straits—Convention regarding the Régime of the Straits (the Straits of the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus), signed at Montreux, 20th July, 1936.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Superannuation Act—Fourteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1935-36.
5. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
6. 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 Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

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—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. G. W. Mahoney 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz., Senator Brand, Senator Brown and Senator Cooper.

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P. J. LYNCH,

President.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LONDON NAVAL TREATY BILL (1937).—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act to enable effect to be given to a Treaty signed at London on behalf of His Majesty and certain other powers*", which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for its concurrence during last Session of the Parliament, the proceedings on such Bill having been interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

The Senate,

Canberra, 18th June, 1937.

P. J. LYNCH,

President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, and Mr. Nairn.

Question—put and passed.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance No. 7 of 1937—Canberra Community Hospital (Inquiry).

Wool Publicity and Research Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 61.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Casey, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Archdale Parkhill, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. D. O. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.