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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. RECENT EVENTS IN THE WAR AND AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing recent events in the War with Germany, and informed the House of the activities, during the past few months, of Australia's fighting services, and of the steps taken for giving effect to Australia's increased war effort.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Advances to Settlers Act—Statement of cases in which Minister has varied terms and conditions of repayments of advances for purchase of wire and wire netting for quarter ended 31st December, 1939.
Nauru—Ordinance of 1939—No. 11—Lands.
Papua—Report for year 1938-39.
Switzerland—Legal Proceedings—Convention between United Kingdom and Swiss Federal Council (London, 3rd December, 1937).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 31st December, 1939, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Interior—W. J. Greenfield, J. M. Hall, G. T. Rutherford, D. S. Wright.
Treasury—L. B. Brand.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Lidcombe, New South Wales.
Nationality Act—Return for 1939.
5. 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. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Brennan addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

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Mr. James addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Dedman 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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