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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 23RD 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 Wednesday, 1st May, at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 3. COAL STRIKE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the intention of the Government to re-open the coal mines unless the mine-workers decided this week to resume work.
 4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO WHARF, PORT AUGUSTA.—Mr. Nock (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Repairs and improvements to wharf at Port Augusta, South Australia.
Question—put and passed.
 5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Grant to New South Wales for Relief of Unemployment—Communication from Under-Secretary, Department of Labour and Industry of New South Wales, regarding relief workers.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—A. G. Richardson.
Commerce—S. L. Heriot, J. V. Howden.
 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. McHugh 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. Barnard 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.
Mr. Gregory 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.
 7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Street (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 1st May, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Clark, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hunter, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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

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