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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SMALL ARMS FACTORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning a stoppage of work at the Small Arms Factory at Lithgow.
3. PRICE INCREASES UNDER THE BUDGET—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the proposals of the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner for price adjustments necessitated by the increased Customs and Excise Duties and Sales Tax provided in the Budget.
4. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Albert Oliver Badman, Esquire,
The Honorable James Allan Guy,
Norman John Oswald Makin, Esquire,
George William Martens, Esquire,
George James Rankin, Esquire,
John Solomon Rosevear, Esquire,
Fred Hurtle Stacey, Esquire, and
David Oliver Watkins, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

5. MR. SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the unavoidable absence of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Mr. Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to relieve him temporarily in the Chair.
Question—put and passed.
6. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments of M. P. Colebrook, R. L. Fraser, Department of Defence Co-ordination.

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8. 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. Calwell 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blain, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Martens, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.