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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AIRCRAFT CRASH, SPRING PLAINS, VICTORIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the members and the terms of reference of the Court of Inquiry appointed to inquire into matters relating to the Stinson aircraft crash at Spring Plains, Victoria.
3. MAN-POWER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the revised allocations of man-power for the period January to June, 1945.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Australian Broadcasting Act—Report of proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, dated 8th February, 1945.  
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Parliamentary Library—  
 S. E. Barr.
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 Royal Highness the Governor-General be agreed to :—  
 MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS—  
 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, to extend to Your Royal Highness a welcome to Australia, and to thank Your Royal Highness for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Holt be granted extensions of time (2).  
 Mr. Coles was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Watkins.

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