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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ACCESSION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II.—REPLY TO RESOLUTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following reply from the Private Secretary to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. to the Resolution of the House of Representatives which was transmitted to The Queen on Her Majesty's accession to the Throne :—

“ I have laid before The Queen the unanimous Resolution of the House of Representatives. Please convey to the Members Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their congratulations on her accession and the assurance of their loyalty.”.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Nauru—Report to General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1950-51.
 New Guinea—Report to General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of New Guinea for year 1950-51.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Annual Report by the Trustees for year 1950-51.
 Broadcasting Act—Nineteenth Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for year 1950-51.
 Commonwealth Railways Act—Annual Report for year 1950-51.
 Defence Act—Royal Military College—Annual Report for 1950.
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (3).
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Hemmant, Queensland.
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—A. W. Cowie.
 National Development—A. D. M. Bell.
 Postmaster-General—P. R. L. Badham, R. A. R. Brown, J. S. L. Clements, D. F. Collis,
 L. K. Curran, P. Glick, A. H. H. Griffiths, K. C. Hendy, K. Herzog, A. D. Lang,
 F. R. Ray, G. D. Ross, R. H. Shergold, A. B. Wych.
 Prime Minister—T. S. Hepworth.
 Repatriation—M. M. Ferguson.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1950-51.
4. FISHERIES BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Fisheries in certain Australian Waters.

Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Eric J. Harrison then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PEARL FISHERIES BILL 1952.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), for Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Pearl Shell, Trochus, Béche-de-mer and Green Snail Fisheries in certain Australian Waters.

Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Eric J. Harrison then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. TREATY OF PEACE (JAPAN) BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Crean 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. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Chambers, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Wight.

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