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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1954.

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. MEMBER SWORN.—Herbert Victor Johnson, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
 3. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain employees of the Commonwealth Public Service praying that the Parliament will provide increases in the marginal rates of pay of Commonwealth Public Servants were presented by Mr. Costa and Mr. Johnson.
Petitions severally received and read.
 4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 90.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
Dartbrook (Muswellbrook), New South Wales.
Edinglassie (Muswellbrook), New South Wales.
Louth, New South Wales.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reserved land at Finke.
Ordinance—1954—No. 5—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence Production—J. T. Moroney.
Postmaster-General—P. L. Cumming.
Repatriation—R. K. Lyons, J. O. Ward, W. J. P. Woolcock.
Supply—J. H. L. Cohen, B. M. Smythe.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1954—No. 34—Australian Workers' Union.
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Report for 1953.
 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.
Ordered—That Mr. Swartz be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Daly moved, That Mr. T. P. Burke be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.
 6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten 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. Beazley*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holt, Mr. James, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Robertson.

* On leave.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.