

1956.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1956.

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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence through illness of Sir Philip McBride, Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) would act as Minister for Defence.
3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement reviewing international affairs and informed the House of the rules by which the Government conducts the management of its relations with the rest of the world.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
Mr. Casey then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 22nd February, 1956—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Wentworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. SALK POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the precautions being developed to ensure the complete safety of Salk poliomyelitis vaccine, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Salk Poliomyelitis Vaccine—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Edmonds), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Ordinances—1955—
No. 5—Movement of Natives Repeal.
No. 6—Provident Fund.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Thirty-first Report on Commonwealth Public Service, for year 1954–55.
Ordered to be printed.
Lands Acquisition Act—
Land, &c., acquired for—
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Griffith, New South Wales.
Defence purposes—
Kempsey, New South Wales.
Windsor, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—
Berowra Waters, New South Wales.
Berremangra, New South Wales.
Carrawobbity, New South Wales.
Lemington, New South Wales.
Return of land disposed of under section 63,

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Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—R. M. Green.
Interior—D. D. Murray.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determination—1955—No. 57—Repatriation Department
Medical Technologists' Association.

6. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Committee of Privileges be increased to nine, and that Mr. Clark, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Joske, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Turnbull be members of that Committee; five to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
7. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Failes, Mr. J. R. Fraser, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Webb be members of the House Committee.
Question—put and passed.
8. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. R. W. Holt, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Library Committee.
Question—put and passed.
9. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Dean, Mr. Drury, Mr. Freeth, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McIvor and Mr. Stewart be members of the Printing Committee.
Question—put and passed.
10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clark, Mr. Costa, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Joske, Mr. Makin and Sir Earle Page be members of the Standing Orders Committee; five to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
11. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz. :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Costa, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Opperman and Mr. Turnbull.
Question—put and passed.
12. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bland, Mr. Cope, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Leslie and Mr. Thompson.
Question—put and passed.
13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1953*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Mr. Bird, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Dean, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Watkins.
Question—put and passed.
14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for External Affairs from moving a motion in connexion with the establishment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, the consideration of such motion, and the subsequent appointment of Members to serve on the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Beale	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brand	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark		Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Griffiths

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

15. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) moved—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider foreign affairs generally and, in particular, to inquire into matters referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
- (2) That thirteen Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
- (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions ;
 - (b) the Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members ; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine ;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ;
 - (d) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the Committee otherwise directs ;
 - (e) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee ;
 - (f) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported ; except that in the case of matters not referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall not submit a report to the Minister nor inform the Parliament accordingly without the Minister's consent. Provided the Opposition is represented on the Committee, copies of the Committee's reports to the Minister for External Affairs shall be forwarded to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information ;
 - (g) subject to the Minister for External Affairs being informed, the Committee shall have power to invite persons to give evidence before it ;
 - (h) subject to the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall have power to call for official papers or records ;
 - (i) subject to paragraph 4 (d), all evidence submitted to the Committee, both written and oral, shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee ;
 - (j) the Senate be asked to appoint seven of its Members to serve on such Committee.
- (5) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 31.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Griffiths

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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16. PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—Mr. Pollard asked Mr. Speaker whether he had received a notice from him proposing that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received the proposal but that he could not accept it in view of Standing Order No. 10 which provides that no business except of a formal character may be entered upon before the Address in Reply is adopted.

Suspension of Standing Orders moved.—Mr. Pollard moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the immediate discussion by the House of the following matter of urgent public importance :—“ The urgent necessity of the Government giving the House and the country a firm assurance that there is no intention of interfering with the operations of the Australian Whaling Commission at Carnarvon, Western Australia, or of disposing of any of its assets.”

Mr. Pollard addressing the House—

Closure of Member.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 32.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	Mr. Griffiths

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. H. V. Johnson addressing the House—

Closure of Member.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Casey	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

NOES, 35.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Calwell	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	Mr. Griffiths
Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCole	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 36.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	Mr. Griffiths

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 36.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. E. James	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward	Mr. Griffiths

NOES, 57.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCole	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

17. 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Fairbairn), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Whitlam rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 19.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Clarey	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Curtin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Allan, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bate, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Cope, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Graham, Mr. Howson, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Makin, Sir Philip McBride and Mr. Minogue.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGGAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.