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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 of Mr. Casey, Senator Spicer (Attorney-General) would act as Minister for External Affairs and Minister in charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. Mr. Menzies further stated that, in both capacities, he would represent the Minister in the House.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Conciliation and Arbitration Act—
    - Eighth Annual Report by the Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for period 8th October, 1954 to 30th December, 1955.
    - Eighth Annual Report by the Senior Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, for year ended 30th September, 1955.
  - Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1954–55.
  - Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.
  - Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Statement concerning operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for period ended 30th June, 1955.
  - Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 5.
  - Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 6.
  - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
    - Defence Production—J. G. Pakes, L. B. Richards, W. D. Richmond, F. R. Wilson.
    - Prime Minister—J. K. Close, D. F. Durie.
    - Supply—C. L. Forrester, A. Moore, G. Whittle.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—
  - 23rd February, 1956—*Message No. 3*—Ministers of State 1956.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill :—
  - 24th February, 1956—*Message No. 2*—Ministers of State 1956.
6. 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. McEwen (Minister for Trade) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Pollard moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Address :—  
“and we desire to add that, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once terminate all negotiations for the sale or disposal of any of the assets of the Australian Whaling Commission located at Carnarvon, Western Australia”.

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

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 46.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley	

## NOES, 26.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Chambers	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Griffiths
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb	

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 two 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. Allan, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Aston, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bate, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Costa, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Failes, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Howson, Mr. Jack, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Makin, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Whitlam.

\* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*