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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Bankruptcy Act—Twenty-seventh Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for the year ended 31st July, 1955.
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1955—
 No. 8 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).
 No. 9 (Slaughtering Ordinance).
 No. 10 (Special Purposes Leases Ordinance).
 Nos. 11 and 12 (Traffic Ordinance).
3. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council):—
 (1) That Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Joske, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Timson and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Joint Committee appointed to consider foreign affairs generally and, in particular, to inquire into matters referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
 (2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message—
 Debate resumed.
 Question—put and passed.
4. 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Pollard, viz.:*—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 resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Sir Eric Harrison—Vice-President of the Executive Council), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. MEMBER SWORN.—Peter Howson, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Pollard, viz. :—*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 resumed.

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

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment—Attorney-General's Department—J. M. Adams.

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

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.

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

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Dean	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Erwin	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bird	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Barnard
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Chambers	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Clarey	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb	
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Cope			

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 eight minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next 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. Bate, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clark, Mr. Costa, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Evatt, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Failes, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Jack, Mr. L. R. Johnson, Mr. Joske, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Makin, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Whitlam.

* On leave.

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