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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1956.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 22nd June last.
2. **DEATH OF THE SPEAKER.**—The Clerk, at the Table, reported, with deep regret, that the Speaker of the House, the Honorable A. G. Cameron, died in Sydney on Thursday, the 9th August.
3. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER.**—Mr. Wilson, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr. John McLeay, and moved, That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Bowden.
Mr. McLeay informed the House that he accepted nomination.
Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr. Norman John Oswald Makin, and moved, That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Calwell.
Mr. Makin informed the House that he accepted nomination.
There being no further proposal—
Debate ensued.
The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:—

Mr. McLeay	58 votes.
Mr. Makin	39 votes.

 Mr. McLeay was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bowden conducted him to the Chair.
Mr. McLeay returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.
Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.
Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister), Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. Makin, Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) and Mr. Adermann congratulated Mr. Speaker, who expressed his thanks.
4. **PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.**—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) stated that he had already ascertained that it would be the pleasure of His Excellency the Administrator to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament that day at approximately fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m.
And the sitting of the House having been suspended until fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m.—
Mr. Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend his Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Administrator as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.
5. **THE LATE HONORABLE A. G. CAMERON—SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.**—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Archie Galbraith Cameron, who was at the time of his death Speaker of this House, Member for the Division of Barker and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and son in their bereavement.
And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

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6. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Speaker, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past five o'clock p.m., 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. Barnard, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. Casey, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Haylen, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Lucock, Mr. McColm, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Whitlam and Mr. Wight.

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