

1959.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1959.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that he would attend to the Parliamentary duties of the Minister for External Affairs while Mr. Casey was temporarily engaged in Queensland.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 9.
 - Australian National University Act—Statute—No. 24—Staff Superannuation Amendment No. 2.
 - Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—C. H. Scott.
 - Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 8.
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 12.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Drayton, Queensland.
 - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 10.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Appointments—Department—
 - Labour and National Service—S. H. Malcolm.
 - National Development—B. J. Bamber, K. F. Fowler, E. C. E. Sedmik.
 - Primary Industry—V. G. J. O'Neill.
 - Territories—W. H. Hilder.
 - Works—B. T. Warren.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1959, No. 11.
 - Services Trust Funds Act—
 - Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Eleventh Annual Report, for year 1957–58.
 - Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1957–58.
4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved—
 - (1) That Mr. Chaney, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Joske, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McColm and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
 - (2) That, until such time as the five remaining vacancies for Members of the House of Representatives on this Committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Mr. Aston, Mr. Failes, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Haworth and Mr. Wheeler be members of the Committee.
 - (3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
 Question—put and passed.
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.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Speaker informed the House that it would be ascertained when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be informed accordingly.

10th March, 1959.

6. SUPPLY.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty. Question—put and passed.
7. RESERVE BANK BILL 1959.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Joske), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to 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. Adermann, Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Browne, Mr. Casey, Mr. Failes, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Swartz.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.