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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1960.

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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Motor Vehicle Body Panels.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Thirty-first Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1958–59.
Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department of Health—K. R. Heferen, P. L. A. Simon.
Public Service Board—Thirty-fifth Report on the Public Service, for year 1958–59.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Bendigo (Mr. Clarey) on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
4. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. Opperman resigning his seat on the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.
Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Pearce be appointed a Member of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, in the place of Mr. Opperman, resigned.
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 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—
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.
Question—put and passed.

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Debate resumed by Mr. Calwell who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Address:—" but desire to advise Your Excellency that the Government no longer possesses the confidence of the Parliament and of the Nation because of—

- (1) Its failure to halt inflation with its adverse effects on wage and salary earners, on pensioners, on persons on fixed incomes, on primary producers and on home builders, particularly those with young families;
- (2) Its action in lifting import restrictions with its accompanying threat to the employment of thousands of Australians and the security of Australian enterprises; and
- (3) Its decision to ask the Arbitration Commission to reject the current application of the trade union movement for an increase in the basic wage".

Debate continued.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven 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. Bird, Mr. Clarey*, Mr. Drummond and Mr. Snedden.

* On leave.

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