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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 15TH 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. ROYAL BIRTH—REPLY TO JOINT ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following reply by Her Majesty The Queen to the Joint Address presented on the occasion of the birth of a son:—  

“ I and my husband thank the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia most sincerely for their kind message of congratulations on the birth of our second son.

ELIZABETH R.”.
3. LEAD AND ZINC—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the sale of Australian lead and zinc.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Postmaster-General's Department—  
     Forty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1958–59.  
     Financial and Statistical Bulletin, for year 1958–59.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
     National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 17.  
     Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1960, No. 12.  
     Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1958–59.
5. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948–1959*, Mr. Opperman be discharged as a trustee serving on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust and that Mr. Pearce be appointed a trustee to serve in his place.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
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 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 by Mr. Calwell, viz.:*—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 resumed.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Fairhall), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Clarey\*, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Kearney and Mr. Stokes.

\* On leave.

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