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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1961.

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 Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
 - Tariff Board—Report—Edible Gelatine (Industries Preservation).
 Ordered to be printed.
 - Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Ninth General Report for 1959, and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1959.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Taxation—Thirty-ninth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1st June, 1960, together with Statistical Appendices.
 Ordered to be printed.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1960—No. 19 (Darwin Town Area Leases Ordinance).
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1961—
 - No. 2—Commonwealth Telephone and Phonogram Officers' Association.
 - No. 3—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
 - No. 4—Musicians' Union of Australia.
 - No. 5—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.
 - No. 6—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 - No. 7—Australian Workers' Union.
 - No. 8—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1961—No. 3 (Public Health Ordinance).
3. NEWSPAPER AND RADIO MISREPRESENTATION—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Wentworth, by leave, made a Statement with reference to certain press reports and a broadcast over Moscow Radio in which he had been misrepresented in connexion with a Russian request for the extradition of an Estonian, Mr. Ervin Viks.
4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), That because the Government's rapidly changing plans have failed to protect and develop the Australian economy and to safeguard our overseas funds and have caused grave confusion, dislocation and hardship to many sections of industry, both primary and secondary, and unnecessary suffering to many citizens, particularly those who have lost their employment, this Government does not possess the confidence of the Parliament or of the Nation—
 - Debate resumed.
 - Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended time for speeches.*—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Holt (Treasurer) and Mr. Whitlam each speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Debate continued.
 - Debate adjourned (Mr. Mackinnon), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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. Allan, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bird, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Makin, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Osborne.

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