

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in which he referred to recent developments in the war with Germany and surveyed present and future international relations and aims.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement on the subject.
4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for External Affairs) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
International Affairs—Ministerial Statement by the Minister for External Affairs, 19th April, 1940—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
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.
Mr. Holt addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Sir Earle Page addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Ward moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1939.—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1934'", which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for its concurrence during last Session of the Parliament, the proceedings on such Bill having been interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

J. B. HAYES,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 19th April, 1940.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.