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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

MONDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1940.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COAL STRIKE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement proposing the calling of a conference with a view to settling the dispute existing in the coal-mining industry.
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement on the matter.
3. GRANT TO NEW SOUTH WALES FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the observance, by the Government of New South Wales, of the conditions imposed on the use of moneys granted by the Commonwealth for the relief of unemployment.
4. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Information—Summary of Activities for period ended 31st March, 1940.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1938-39.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 57.
Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 41.
Gold Tax Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, No. 179.
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders Amended, &c.—
Broadcasting Censorship.
Cinematograph Films Censorship.
Press Censorship (3).
Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 42.
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 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. Ward 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.
Mr. Ward continuing to address the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

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Mr. Hutchinson 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. Riordan 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. Menzies (Prime Minister) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Menzies continuing to address the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—

Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Mahoney 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. Jolly 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven 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. Blackburn, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.