

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 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 with reference to the steps being taken to bring about a settlement of the dispute existing in the coal-mining industry.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 - Electroliers; gasaliers; chandeliers; pendants; brackets.
 - Rugs n.e.i., and rugging.
 - Spectacle cases of the snap type.
 - Spoons and sticks for ice cream.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

- Convention for facilitating International Circulation of Films of Educational Character—Procès-Verbal concerning application of certain Articles, Geneva, 12th September, 1938.
- Lt.-Col. J. W. Mitchell—Civil action—Letters, dated 22nd December, 1939, and 22nd January, 1940, from the Minister for the Army to the Chief Secretary, Victoria.
- Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-ninth Report, for year 1938-39.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 46.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment of H. P. Brown, Prime Minister's Department.
- Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Paper, waste, used and secondhand (dated 9th April, 1940).
- Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 48.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Geraldton, Western Australia.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reservation of certain lands suburban to Darwin.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1940—
 - No. 2—Adoption of Children.
 - No. 3—Canberra University College.
 - No. 4—Police Superannuation.
 - No. 5—Canberra Community Hospital.
- Regulations Amended—
 - Building and Services Ordinance.
 - Police Ordinance.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 49.

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4. 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. Frost 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. Collins 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. Corser 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. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten 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. Clark, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Forde, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, Mr. John Lawson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Spurr, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

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