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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 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. DEATHS OF MEMBERS (THE HONORABLE G. A. STREET, THE HONORABLE SIR HENRY S. GULLETT AND THE HONORABLE J. V. FAIRBAIRN).—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced to the House the deaths, on the 13th instant, in the Royal Australian Air Force aircraft disaster at Canberra, of the Honorable G. A. Street, the Honorable Sir Henry S. Gullett, and the Honorable J. V. Fairbairn, and moved—

That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of Brigadier the Honorable Geoffrey Austin Street, M.C., Minister of State for the Army, Minister of State for Repatriation, and Member for the Division of Corangamite, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of the Honorable Sir Henry Somer Gullett, K.C.M.G., Vice-President of the Executive Council, and Member for the Division of Henty, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of the Honorable James Valentine Fairbairn, Minister of State for Air, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, and Member for the Division of Flinders, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce), Mr. Beasley and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

3. R.A.A.F. AIRCRAFT DISASTER, CANBERRA.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) also referred to each of the other occupants of the Royal Australian Air Force aircraft who lost their lives and moved, That this House places on record its great sorrow at the loss of so many valuable lives in the tragic disaster to the Royal Australian Air Force aircraft in the Australian Capital Territory, near Canberra, on 13th August, 1940, and extends to the relatives of those who perished its heartfelt sympathy.

And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Cameron (Minister for Commerce) and Mr. Beasley having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Martens, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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

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