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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty-eight minutes to three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Supply Act (No. 3) 1940-41* ”

“ *Loan Act (No. 3) 1940* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 5th December, 1940.

3. LOSS OF SHIP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that an unidentified ship had been sunk off the coast of New South Wales.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales.

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (82).

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of portion of reservation of certain lands in the Northern Territory.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1939-40.

Science and Industry Research Act—Fourteenth Annual Report of Council, for year 1939-40.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1940—No. 21—Police Superannuation (No. 2).

5. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No.

1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £8,176

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Curtin, viz. :—That the words “ agreed to ” be omitted and the word “ postponed ” inserted in place thereof.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Debate resumed on the motion.

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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 not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—

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

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF.—Mr. Speaker announced that, consequent upon the retirement of Mr. Weatherston, Mr. G. H. Romans had been appointed Principal Parliamentary Reporter, and Mr. A. P. Adams Acting Second Reporter.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. White.

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