

1944.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1944.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1942-43.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Broadcasting Act—Report of proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, dated 12th July, 1944.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

Drouin, Victoria—For Commonwealth purposes.

Rockhampton, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

National Security Act—

National Security (Building Operations) Regulations—Order—Restrictions on building operations—Exception.

National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Asbestos cement sheets (No. 2).

Control of—

Essential materials (No. 7).

Leather goods (No. 2).

Refrigerators and refrigeration equipment.

Sale of meat (No. 4).

Employment of outdoor selling agents (South Australia) (No. 2).

Handbags (Manufacture).

Manufacture of domestic furniture (No. 3).

Manufacture of omnibus bodies.

Milk industry (Queensland) (No. 2).

South Australia milk vendors (No. 3).

Taking possession of land, &c. (66).

Use of land (4).

National Security (Universities Commission) Regulations—Order—Declaration of approved institution.

3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott,

Herbert Claude Barnard, Esquire,

Joseph James Clark, Esquire,

The Honorable James Allan Guy,

William Joseph Hutchinson, Esquire,

18th July, 1944.

George William Martens, Esquire,
Daniel Mulcahy, Esquire,
George James Rankin, Esquire,
Rupert Sumner Ryan, Esquire, and
David Oliver Watkins, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Speaker.

4. MR. SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, during the unavoidable absence of Mr. Deputy Speaker, Mr. Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to relieve him temporarily in the Chair.
Question—put and passed.

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.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Hutchinson be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Mr. Sheehan 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.

6. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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. Barnard, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Watkins.

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