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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1945.

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

2. 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,
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 twenty-second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Speaker.

3. 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.

4. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m. ; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m. ; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.

5. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT.—Mr. Francis, Vice-Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Subsidy for the Raw Sugar Producing Industry.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1944, No. 173.
National Security Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (357).

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7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Fraser brought up the Address in Reply to His Royal Highness's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS—

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, to extend to Your Royal Highness a welcome to Australia, and to thank Your Royal Highness for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Fraser moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Burke seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to ten 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. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Scully, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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