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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Forde (Minister for the Army) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. AIRCRAFT CRASH, SPRING PLAINS, VICTORIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Stinson aircraft crash at Spring Plains, Victoria.
Mr. Clark and Mr. White, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1943-44.
War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1943-44, together with statements and balance-sheet.
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 Royal Highness the Governor-General be agreed to :—
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—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Air) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. White be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Barnard be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Haylen 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Scully, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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