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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Twenty-fifth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 23rd January, 1950.
Ordered to be printed.
Appointments—Department—
Attorney-General—A. S. Barnes, P. J. Clarke, A. M. Davidson, C. N. Jeffery, R. T. G. Lahey, J. R. Leslie, B. J. Letcher, H. Lindgren, R. F. Pickering, H. N. Walker.
Interior—L. R. Adler, M. Harrison, N. W. Larsson, R. M. Markey.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Tamworth, New South Wales.
War Service Homes Act—Annual Report for year 1948–49.
4. 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. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Casey (Minister for Supply and Development) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. G. Anderson 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.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1947*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz., Senators A. J. M. Rankin, G. J. Rankin and O'Byrne.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
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[*Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the following Senators have been appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz., the President of the Senate (Senator Brown), and Senators Maher and Wright.

GORDON BROWN,
President.The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd February, 1950.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Harrison (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past 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. Chambers.

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