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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JAPANESE WAR CRIMES TRIALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—  
Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the trial of alleged Japanese war criminals and informed the House that an Australian military court would be established at Manus and suspects brought to trial as speedily as possible. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—  
Japanese War Crimes Trials—Ministerial Statement—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Daly 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.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz.—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bate, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gullett and Mr. Rosevear.  
Question—put and passed.
4. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday and Wednesday at half-past two o'clock p.m. ; and on each Thursday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Postmaster-General—S. R. Ayling, H. K. Buchan, J. Chambers, J. K. Custance, A. A. Dawes, H. W. F. Edwards, R. P. Froom, E. G. Goymer, J. Green, A. G. Harvey, R. B. Head, W. Herbst, A. G. Hilliard, H. D. Hyamson, L. Jewell, R. Larnach, M. N. Leveridge, E. W. Mansfield, C. F. McGrane, K. A. McKibbin, H. W. Millson, A. E. Perriman, T. F. Reed, J. D. Robertson, C. M. Sapsford, J. Tomlinson, R. V. Verrall.  
Labour and National Service—M. Schwarz.  
Social Services—B. M. C. Gordon.  
Commonwealth Railways Act—Annual Report for year 1948–49.  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report for year 1948–49.

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6. 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.

Mr. Treloar 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past twelve o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Eggins, Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Kekwick.

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