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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cramer, Mr. McDonald, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. E. H. D. Russell and Mr. Watkins.
Question—put and passed.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee be increased to eight, and that Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Clark, Mr. McDonald, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Rosevear be members of that Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haylen and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Library Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
5. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Corser, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Watkins be members of the House Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Daly, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Leslie, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Wilson be members of the Printing Committee ; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.
Question—put and passed.
7. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Turnbull be members of the Committee of Privileges ; five to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
8. SUGAR—PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Sugar—Protocol relating to the International Sugar Agreement (signed in London, 31st August, 1949)—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Evatt 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.

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9. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Wool Board—Thirteenth Annual Report, for year 1948-49.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3444-3447.

National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 165-167.

Order—Control of Tinplate—Revocation.

Liquid Fuel (Rationing) Act—

Liquid Fuel (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 1-3.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 5.

10. 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. Bryson be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Haylen be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Eggins 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven 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. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons and Mr. Thompson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.