THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH, 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. 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-

George James Bowden, Esquire, Thomas Patrick Burke, Esquire,

The Honorable Allan McKenzie McDonald,

Rupert Sumner Ryan, Esquire,

Albert Victor Thompson, 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 second day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

- 3. Mr. Speaker—Temporary Relief.—Mr. Menzies (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. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute— Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950-

No. 1-Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 2—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia; and others. No. 3—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 4—Australian Journalists' Association.

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 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. Eggins be granted an extension of time.

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

Debate continued.

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Ordered—That Mr. Davidson be granted an extension of time. Ordered—That Mr. Cremean be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Bird be granted an extension of time. Ordered—That Mr. C. W. Russell be granted an extension of time.

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

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

Debate continued.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lazzarini, Dame Enid Lyons and Mr. Thompson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.