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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH 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. **RULING BY MR. SPEAKER.**—Mr. Speaker ruled that, when an honorable Member who had already spoken was attacked at a later stage of the debate, and such Member had not the right of a personal explanation, he would be allowed to explain his position when speaking to the motion to adjourn the House. Mr. Speaker further stated that when an honorable Member is questioned regarding his administration of public utilities, he shall have the right to state his position.
Dissent from Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Rosevear handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling:—That the Ruling of the Speaker—that the honorable Member for Bennelong was in order in replying to a matter raised in a previous debate when speaking to the motion for the adjournment of the House—be disagreed with.
 The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.
3. **AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, SOUTH GUILDFORD—FINDINGS OF AIR COURT OF INQUIRY—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—Mr. White (Minister for Civil Aviation) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper:—
 Aircraft Accident, South Guildford, Western Australia, 2nd July, 1949—Report and Findings of Air Court of Inquiry—
 and moved, That the Report be printed.
 Mr. Drakeford 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.
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.**—Mr. White (Minister for Civil Aviation) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.**—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Navy) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Australian Broadcasting Act—Seventeenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, for year 1948–49.
 Defence Act—Royal Military College—Annual Report for 1948.
 Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Annual Report for year 1948–49.
7. **AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, SOUTH GUILDFORD—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. White (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Report and Findings of the Air Court of Inquiry which investigated the loss of an aircraft with passengers and crew near South Guildford, Western Australia, on 2nd July, 1949.
8. **H.M.A.S. Tarakan DISASTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the causes of the explosion on H.M.A.S. *Tarakan* at Garden Island in January, 1950. Mr. Francis then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
 H.M.A.S. *Tarakan* Disaster, January, 1950—Ministerial Statement—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Mr. Riordan 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. 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. Edmonds be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Graham 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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. Eggins, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Minogue.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.