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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 143.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1953.

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. DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced, with deep regret, the death of Her Majesty Queen Mary, which occurred on the 25th March, 1953, and moved, That the following Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second be agreed to :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :
 MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, have received with heartfelt sorrow the news of the death of Your August Grandmother, Her Majesty Queen Mary.

We remember with grateful affection the love which the late Queen inspired in all her peoples and we extend to Your Majesty and to the other members of the Royal Family our profound and most loving sympathy in this grievous loss.

And Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.
 3. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Mary, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to three 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. Anthony, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawson*, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Russell, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Treloar* and Mr. Whitlam.

* On leave.

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