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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1954.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Costa presented a Petition from certain officers of the Commonwealth Public Service praying that the Parliament will take action to halt the proposal of the Postmaster-General's Department to purchase a new telegraph system called "Tress".  
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Territory of Papua and New Guinea—Native Labour employed by Commonwealth—New Guinea Timbers Limited at Bulolo.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—  
Sixth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1952-53.  
Report of the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth on the accounts of the Joint Coal Board, for year 1952-53.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Cavendish, Victoria.  
Life Insurance Act—Eighth Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for 1953.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1954—  
No. 1—Ordinances Revision.  
No. 2—Auctioneers.  
No. 3—Gun Licence.  
No. 4—Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.  
No. 5—Sale of Food.  
No. 6—Slaughtering.  
No. 7—Motor Car.  
No. 8—Judiciary.  
No. 9—Birds Protection.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Attorney-General—F. J. Gaffy.  
External Affairs—M. M. Creith.  
Works—E. M. Fraser.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
Eleventh Report—Joint Coal Board—Plant and Equipment.  
Fourteenth Report—Supplementary Estimates and Variations under Section 37 of *Audit Act* 1901-1953 for year 1952-53.  
Severally ordered to be printed.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
6. ALTERATION OF HOUR AND DAY OF MEETING.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That the House shall meet at ten o'clock a.m. on Thursday and Friday next.  
Question—put and passed.
7. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1954.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment, through the Australian Wheat Board, to Growers of Wheat of a certain Season of certain Moneys in the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1954-55.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.

Mr. Gullett 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Holt moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 35.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. E. James	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Drummond, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*