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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1956.

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. 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Pollard, viz. :—*That the following words be added to the Address :—“ and we desire to add that, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once terminate all negotiations for the sale or disposal of any of the assets of the Australian Whaling Commission located at Carnarvon, Western Australia ”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 39.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. E. James	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson		

NOES, 54.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Brand	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. H. E. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Duthie moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Address :—“ and we desire to add that this House deplores the deliberate policy of the Government in failing to provide sufficient market support for Commonwealth securities thereby causing a sharp fall in the market price of such securities, a consequential increase in the interest yield, serious capital loss to the original investor in Commonwealth bonds and unfair gains to speculators ; thus aggravating the inflation stressed in Your Excellency's Speech and causing a rise in interest rates generally. Further, this House expresses the opinion that the Government should at once employ all possible powers to reduce interest rates for the general public welfare and so advance primary and secondary industry, home building, public works and national development ”.

Debate continued.

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Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

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And so it was negatived.

Debate on original question continued.

Question—That the Address be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that it would be ascertained when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be informed accordingly.

3. SUPPLY.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

4. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

5. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [*presented on the 22nd February, 1956*], viz. :—

International Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 22nd February, 1956—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Howse), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten 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. Bate, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Casey, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Kent Hughes, Sir Philip McBride, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Russell, Mr. Timson and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGGEAR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.