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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
 

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 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
 OF THE  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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No. 32.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  2. PETITION.—Mr. Ward presented a Petition from certain electors and apprentices in the States of New South Wales and Victoria praying that the House will take steps towards the implementation of particular recommendations of the Commonwealth-State Apprenticeship Inquiry Committee referred to in the Petition and legislate for the prevention of any reduction of wages for apprentices consequent upon their national service training.  
Petition received and read.
  3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1954-55.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
  4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bowden brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—  
Report relating to the proposed erection of a Community Hospital at Canberra.  
Ordered to be printed.
  5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Anthony), owing to his absence from Australia.  
Question—put and passed.
  6. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1956.—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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
  7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Consular Fees Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 38.  
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 40.  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 39.  
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 35.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 36.  
War Precautions Act Repeal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 37.
  8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr. Ward rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—put and passed.
- The House, at twenty-seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony\*, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland\*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. A. G. Cameron\*, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Drury, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Haworth\*, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McColm, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wight.

\* On leave.

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

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